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...and the manga goes on
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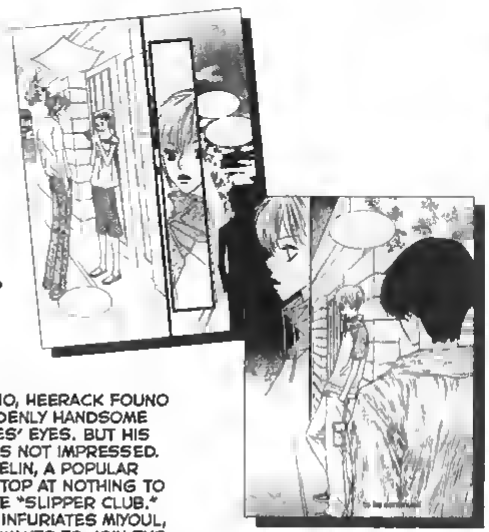

WITH SUMMER VACATION AT AN END, HEERACK FOUND HIMSELF TRANSFORMED, SUDDENLY HANDSOME AND COOL IN HIS SCHOOLMATES' EYES. BUT HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND, MIYOUL, WAS NOT IMPRESSED. HER EYES WERE STILL ON GUELIN, A POPULAR UPPERCLASSMAN WHO WOULD STOP AT NOTHING TO GET HEERACK TO JOIN HIS ELITE "SLIPPER CLUB." GUELIN'S INTEREST IN HEERACK INFURIATES MIYOUL, WHO IS JEALOUS BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO JOIN THE SLIPPER CLUB HERSELF. MEANWHILE, HEERACK, HOPELESSLY DEDICATED TO MIYOUL, TAKES A PART-TIME JOB TO BUY HER A BIRTHDAY PRESENT, BUT SEES HER OUT WITH ANOTHER GUY INSTEAD...

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE INSTEAD OF INSIDE, HEERACK?
HEESUNG!

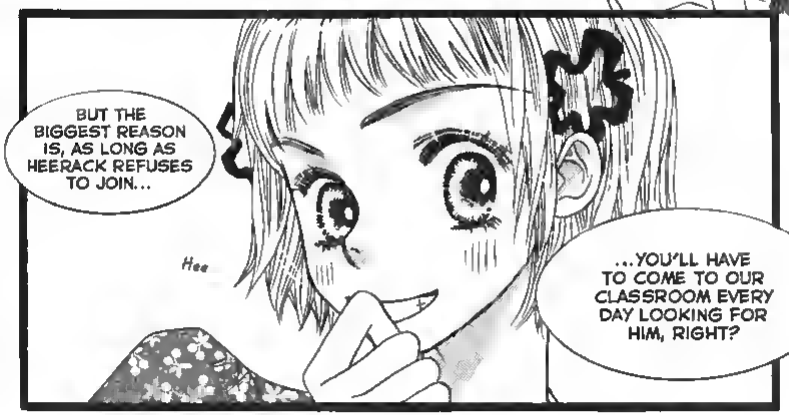
I WAS WAITING 'TIL MOM WENT TO SLEEP.
AT WORK TODAY, AN OLDER GIRL TORE MY CLOTHES...
...AND MOM SAW IT AND I--WELL, I FEEL LIKE MOM DOESN'T UNDERSTAND.
LET'S GO IN, LITTLE BROTHER.
IT'S GETTING DARK AND CHILLY OUT HERE.
Oh. Heerack

YOU STAYED OUT HERE JUST FOR THAT?
MY OLDER BROTHER, HEESUNG, IS...
...WELL, REALLY DASHING.
HEERACK, HEERACK, YOU'RE SUCH AN INNOCENT.
IF ONLY HE WEREN'T SUCH A PLAYER.
C'MON. LET YOUR BIG BROTHER TALK TO MOM.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, MIYOUL? I'M NO GOOD AT PICKING GIFTS FOR GIRLS.
WOW! THIS HAIR CLIP SURE IS PRETTY, GUELIN!

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE EVEN BETTER THAN HAIR CLIPS? SLIPPERS!
Oh my
HAS THERE EVER BEEN A MORE FORWARD, DEMANDING PERSON?!
IT'S MY DREAM TO JOIN THE SLIPPER CLUB AND RULE THE SCHOOL--WITH YOU, GUELIN!
YOU'RE THE BEST-LOOKING GUY AT NACHSUNG, GUELIN! AND I'M THE TOUGHEST GIRL!
IT'S FATE THAT WE SHOULD BE TOGETHER!
THEN, INSTEAD OF CALLING ME "THE DEVIL WOMAN OF NACHSUNG," EVERYONE WILL CALL ME "THE FIRST LADY OF NACHSUNG"!
Hee hee!
COULD SHE BE MORE OUT OF TOUCH?

IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE SLIPPER CLUB SO BAD, MIYOUL...
...WHY NOT GET HEERACK TO JOIN?

WELL...
...BECAUSE I DON'T WANT HEERACK TO HAVE SOMETHING THAT I CAN'T HAVE!


BUT THE BIGGEST REASON IS, AS LONG AS HEERACK REFUSES TO JOIN...
Hee
...YOU'LL HAVE TO COME TO OUR CLASSROOM EVERY DAY LOOKING FOR HIM, RIGHT?

THAT WAY I GET TO SEE YOUR FACE EVERY DAY, GUELIN!
HEE HEE! YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

Oh man suddenly things are getting so mixed up
...YOU ARE AWARE THAT YOU CAN ONLY JOIN THE SLIPPER CLUB AFTER A UNANIMOUS VOTE, RIGHT?
YEAH, I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN. BUT...
THAT PUTS YOU ONE VOTE CLOSER TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SLIPPER CLUB, MIYOUL, AND THAT MEANS--ONE VOTE CLOSER TO ME.
Do you understand?
THAT'S TRUE!
WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?!
HUH?
SINCE HE'S A LEGACY, HE'S A SURE SHOT.
SINCE HEERACK LIVES AND DIES BY YOUR EVERY WORD...
...IT'D BE GOOD FOR YOU TO GET HIM TO JOIN THE CLUB FIRST.
THEN YOU'LL HAVE AT LEAST ONE VOTE IN THE BAG, MIYOUL...
SO HEERACK HAS TO JOIN FIRST...
SIMPLE-TON!
YEP!
THAT'S EXCEL-LENT!

OH MY GOSH! IF I GET TO WEAR A SLIPPER WITH AN 18-KARAT BUCKLE...
...I CAN GET YOU A HUNDRED HEERACKS, GUELIN!
AND IF WORDS DON'T WORK, I CAN ALWAYS USE FORCE!
GREAT, BUT CAN YOU EVEN GET HIM TO JOIN?
DUH! TRUST ME, GUELIN!

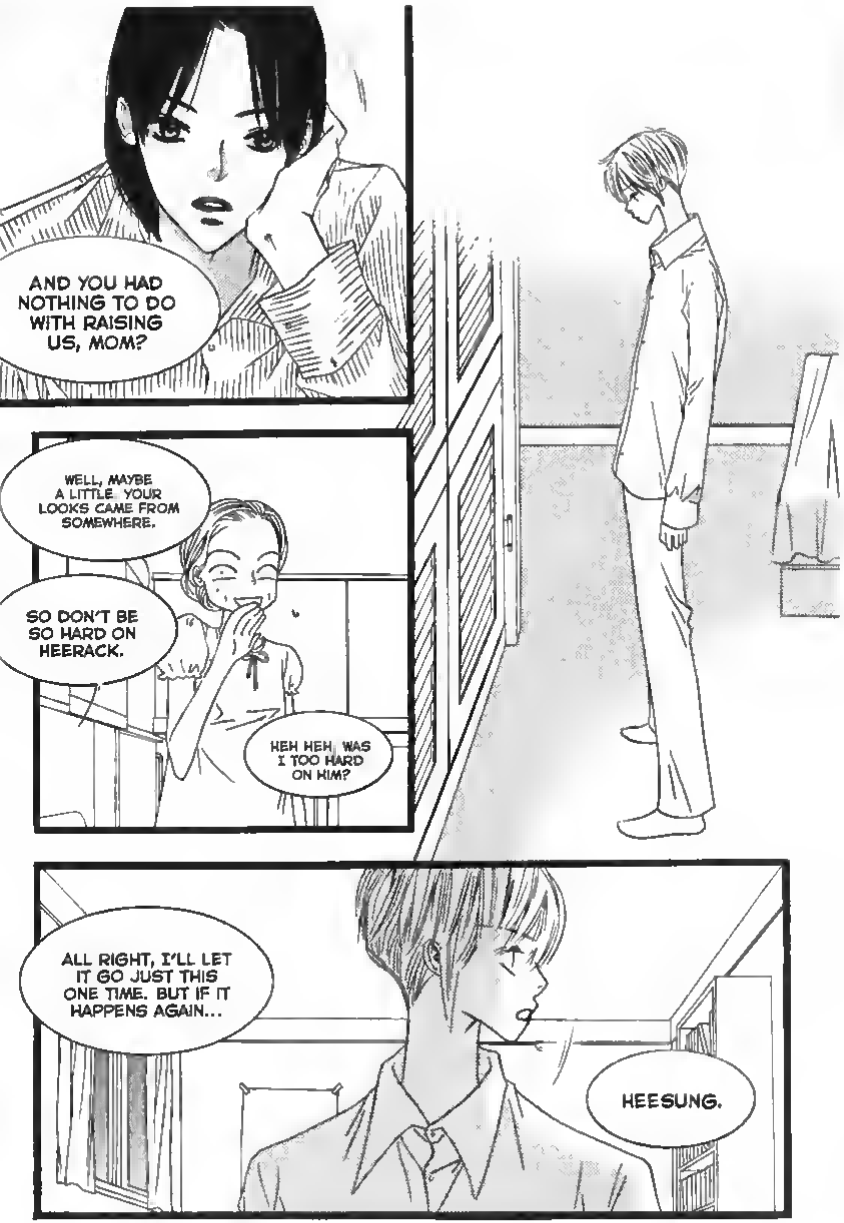
OKAY. WELL, GOODBYE...
GOODBYE, GUELIN!
I'LL SEE YOU SOON!!
Heh, heh
I WUV YOU, GUELIN!
KO
OF

I'M SCARRED FOR LIFE...
HUH? DIDN'T GUELIN HEAR ME?
GUELIN! ♡
GUELIN! ♡
I DON'T THINK I CAN TAKE THIS MUCH LONGER.
HMPH.
OH WELL, I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN NEXT TIME...
WHAT'S GOING ON? GUELIN DIDN'T EVEN SEE MY CUTE HEART SHAPE DANCE!
WHY MUST YOU BE LIKE THIS?
HEESUNG AND HEERACK-- BOTH OF YOU!
THAT'S MIYOUL, RIGHT?
WHY DOESN'T SHE GROW UP?
SO, YOU'RE USING MIYOUL AS AN EXCUSE TO GET PART-TIME WORK, HUH, HEERACK?
Tisk
tisk
tisk
SO YOU CAN FOOL AROUND WITH GIRLS, HUH?
I WANT YOU TO QUIT THAT JOB TOMORROW, HEERACK!

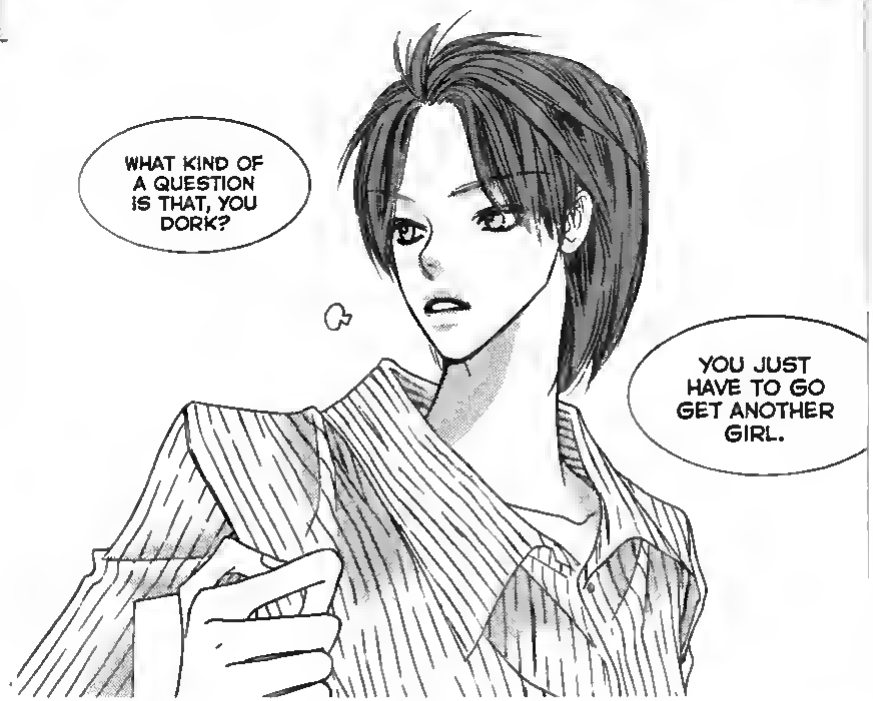
BUT I HAVE TO WORK. THEY PAID ME IN ADVANCE!
WHAT?!
....
LEAVE HIM BE, MOM. HE'S COOL.
"COOL"? LIKE YOU?
WELL, WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT ME, MOM?
DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW MANY GIRLS YOU'VE RUN AROUND WITH?
YEAH, BUT I WAS NEVER SERIOUS ABOUT ANY OF THEM.
RIGHT! THAT'S THE PROBLEM!
I DIDN'T GO AFTER ANY OF THEM.
I DIDN'T CHASE AFTER ANY WHO LEFT.
SUCH TALK FROM THIS SON OF MINE!
IN THE END, I DIDN'T EVEN...
...GET TO GIVE YOU YOUR PRESENT

YOU WERE OUT RUNNING AROUND ALL DAY WITH GUELIN, MIYOUL...
...AS IF YOU'D NEVER PROMISED TO MEET WITH ME.
IF I THINK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH, MY INSIDES TURN.
WORSE, SHE'S JUST USING ME TO BE WITH HIM.
Ha ha!
IS MIYOUL REALLY JUST EVIL?

BUT IN THE TEN YEARS I'VE LIVED NEXT DOOR TO HER...
...I'VE NEVER ONCE SEEN MIYOUL ACT LIKE THAT.
GUELIN HAS THE POWER TO TRANSFORM HER.
DOES SHE LIKE REALLY LIKE HIM THAT MUCH?
SHE ACTS SO KIND AND EARNEST TOWARD HIM...
WHY ARE YOU BOYS LIKE THAT, HUH?
NO! I'VE GOT TO QUIT CARING FOR MIYOUL!
SHE'LL ONLY SNUB ME AGAIN.


AND YOU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH RAISING US, MOM?
WELL, MAYBE A LITTLE. YOUR LOOKS CAME FROM SOMEWHERE.
SO DON'T BE SO HARD ON HEERACK.
HEH HEH, WAS I TOO HARD ON HIM?
ALL RIGHT, I'LL LET IT GO JUST THIS ONE TIME. BUT IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN...
HEESUNG.

WHAT'S THE QUICKEST WAY TO FORGET ABOUT A GIRL YOU LIKE, HEESUNG?


WHAT KIND OF A QUESTION IS THAT, YOU DORK?
YOU JUST HAVE TO GO GET ANOTHER GIRL.

GREAT ADVICE, HEESUNG! YOU TROUBLEMAKER!
YOU'RE REALLY TEACHING YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER WELL!
I'M JUST TELLING HIM THE TR...
AM I GIVING UP FOR REAL, NOW?
AM I GIVING UP ON MIYOUL?

HEERACK!
YO, HEERACK! OPEN THE DOOR!
HURRY UP! GET YOUR BUTT OUT HERE!

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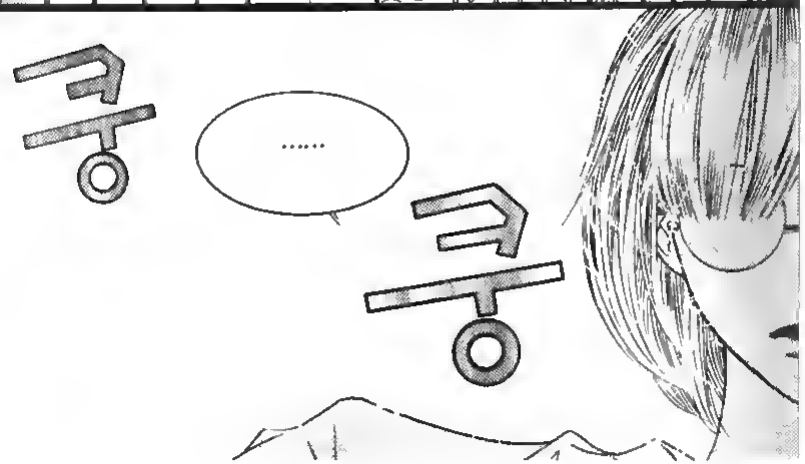
WHO IS IT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHO IS IT?"
Strawberry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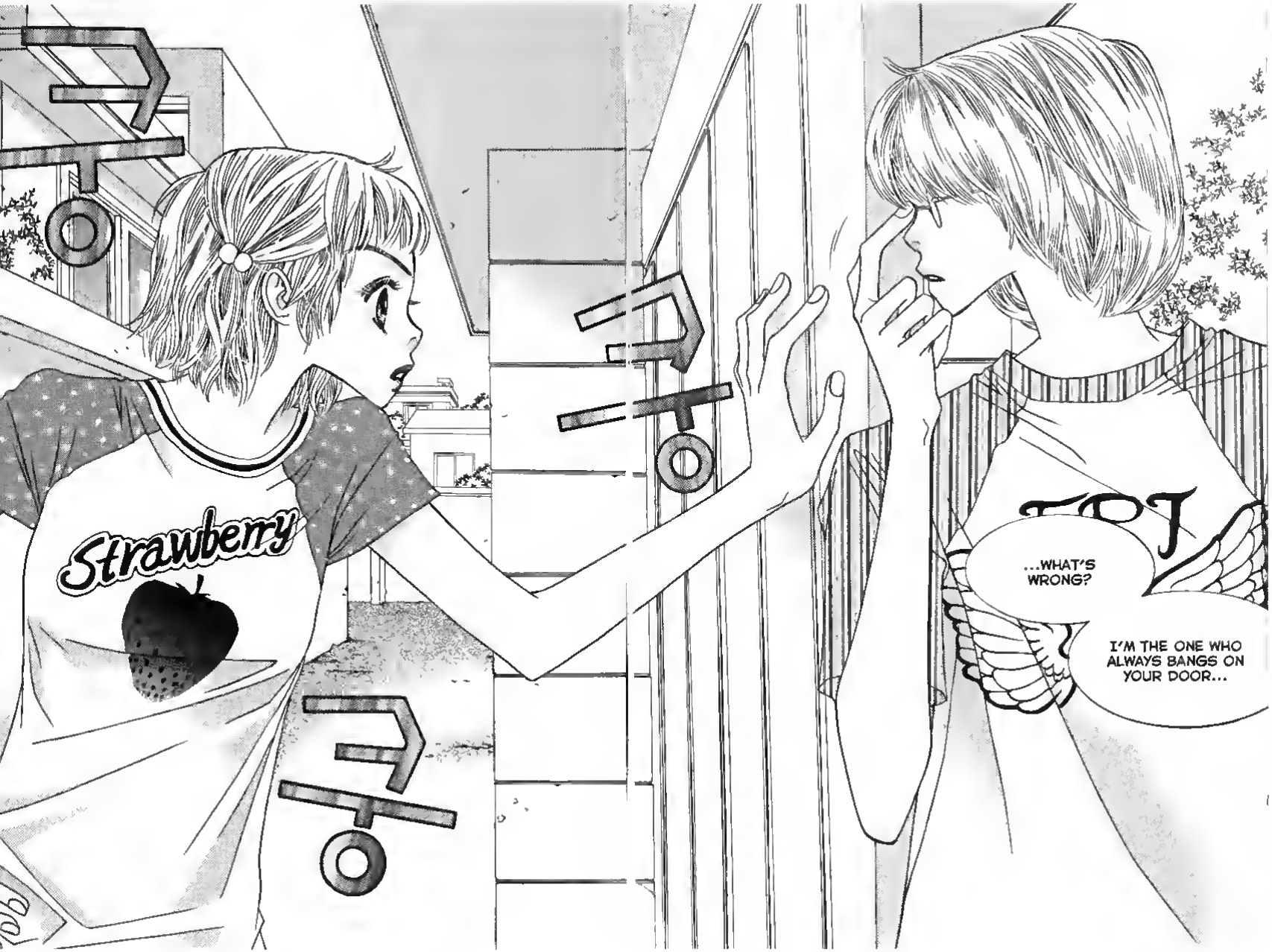
Strawberry
...WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M THE ONE WHO ALWAYS BANGS ON YOUR DOOR...

AH... UM...
Is this a dream or reality?
IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU, HEERACK...
I, MIYOUL, SECOND YEAR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, HOPED IT WAS A DREAM...
...AND CLUNG TO HEERACK TO THE POINT OF BURSTING.

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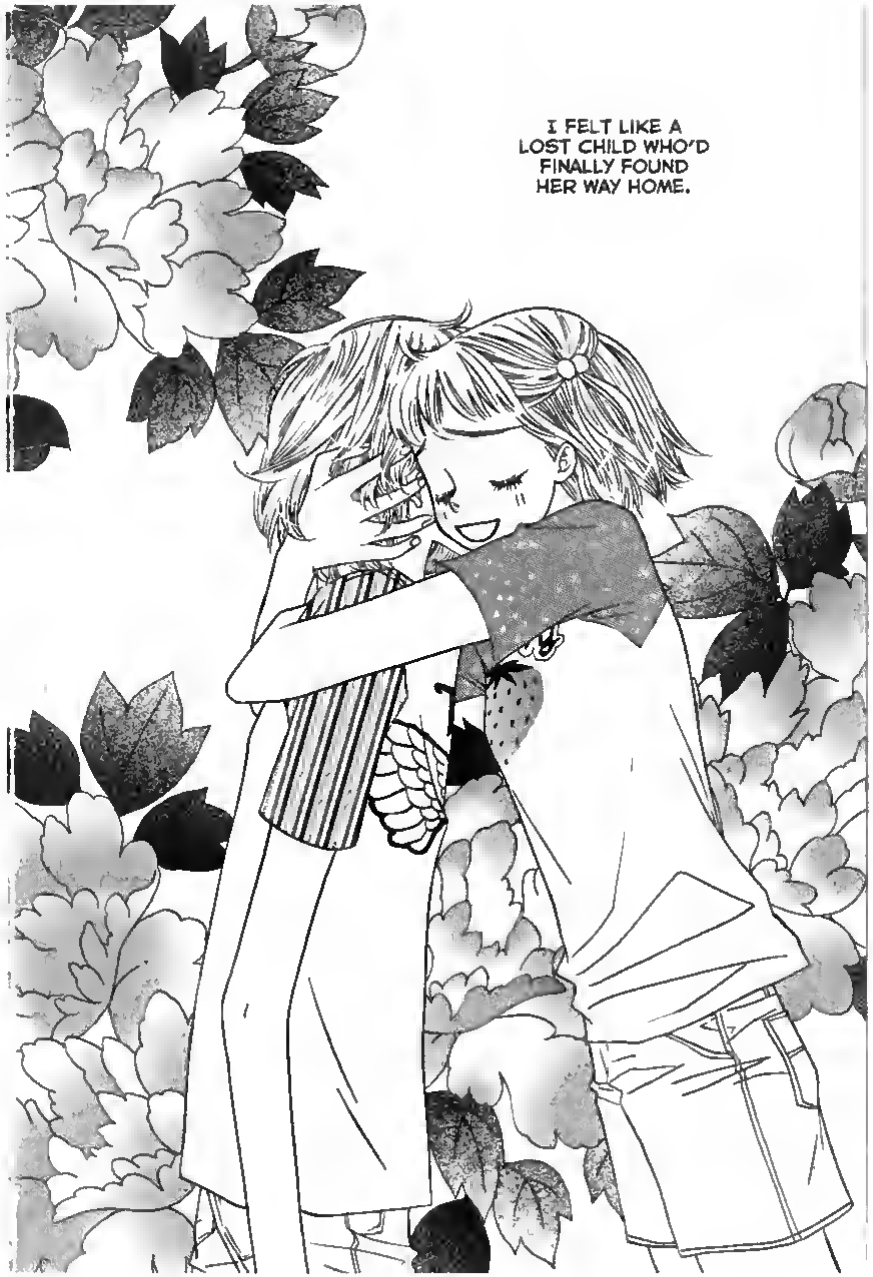
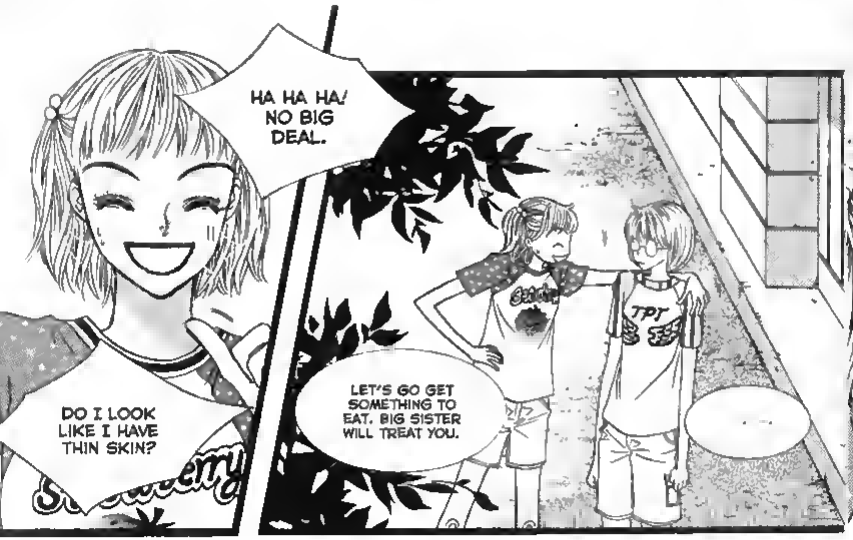
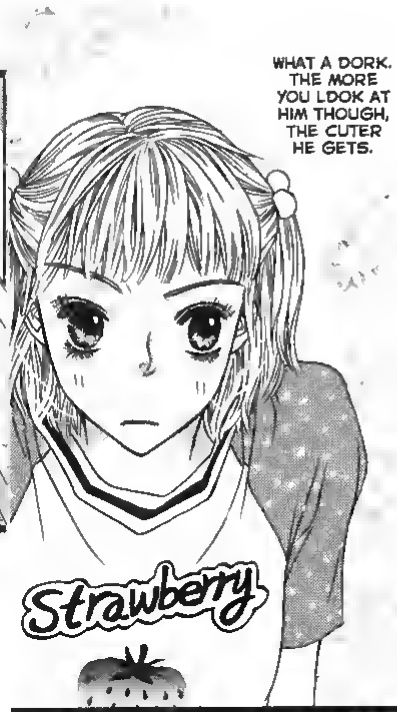


HEERACK'S FUNNY LITTLE ROUND GLASSES...
...BOUNCY BOWL HAIRCUT...
...SOFT, LITTLE-BOY CHEEKS...
MIYOUL...
...I CAN'T BREATHE.

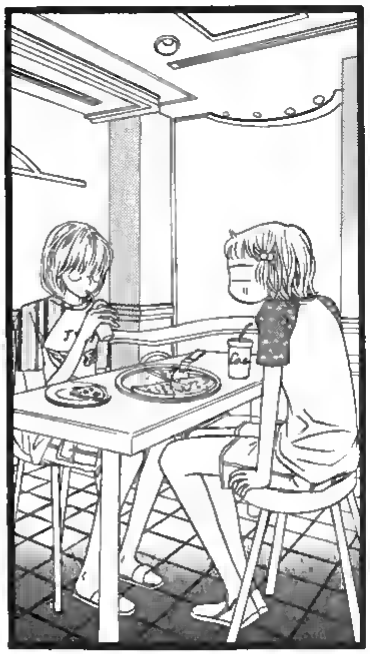
OOPS!
WHAT ON EARTH AM I DOING...?!
I-I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY, MIYOUL.
I BROKE MY PROMISE. I'M SORRY.
TPT

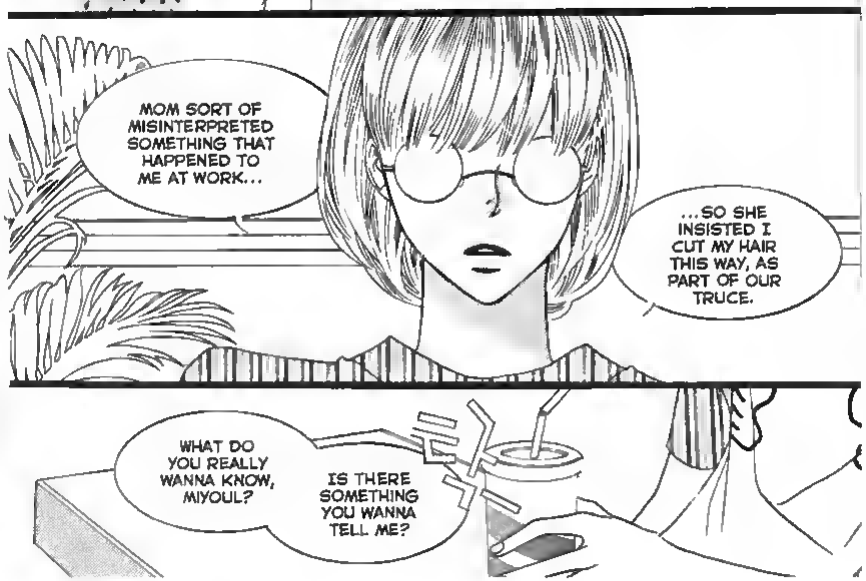

HA HA HA/ NO BIG DEAL.
DO I LOOK LIKE I HAVE THIN SKIN?
LET'S GO GET SOMETHING TO EAT. BIG SISTER WILL TREAT YOU.


WHAT A DORK. THE MORE YOU LOOK AT HIM THOUGH, THE CUTER HE GETS.
Strawberry

Oh no! And just when I had him looking so good!
HOW CAN I BRING UP THE SLIPPER CLUB NOW?
AND IF GUELIN SEES HEERACK'S HAIR, HE'S GONNA FREAK OUT.
I like it though
HEY, WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR HAIR, HEERACK?

Orange




MOM SORT OF MISINTERPRETED SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED TO ME AT WORK...
...SO SHE INSISTED I CUT MY HAIR THIS WAY, AS PART OF OUR TRUCE.
WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANNA KNOW, MIYOUL?
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANNA TELL ME?

WELL... SEE...
...I'VE BEEN THINKING...
...ABOUT THE SLIP...
...PER...
WHAT?!
OOPS, SORRY. WHAT WERE YOU SAYING, MIYOU...? SOMETHING ABOUT A...?
GAH! THIS PUNK!
RIGHT, A SLIPPER...
WHY DO I FEEL SO AWKWARD SUDDENLY?
DON'T LOOK SO SERIOUS.
THIS LITTLE WEIRDO. WHY DOES HE LOOK SO CUTE TODAY?!

WELCOME.
HOW MUCH FOR THESE?

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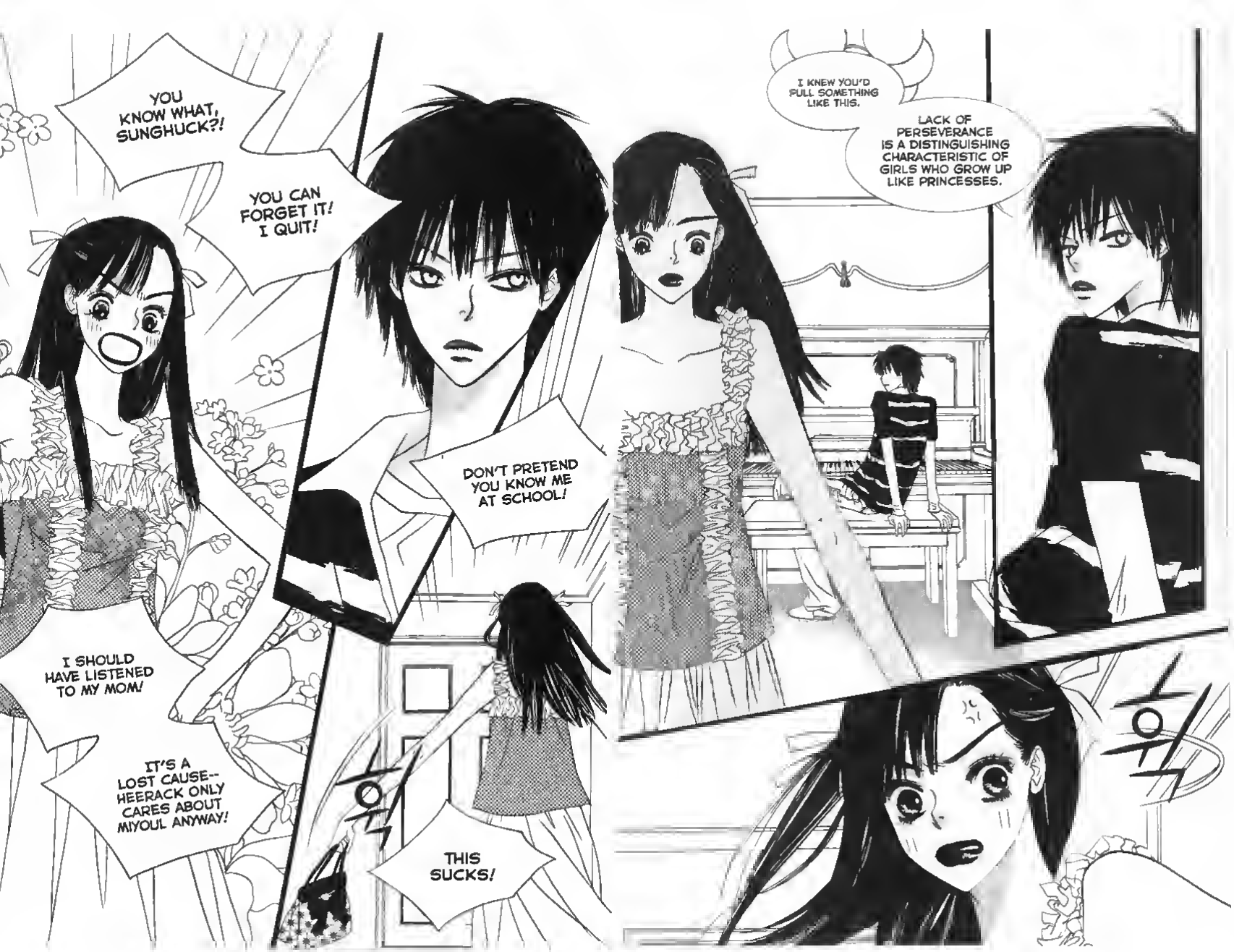
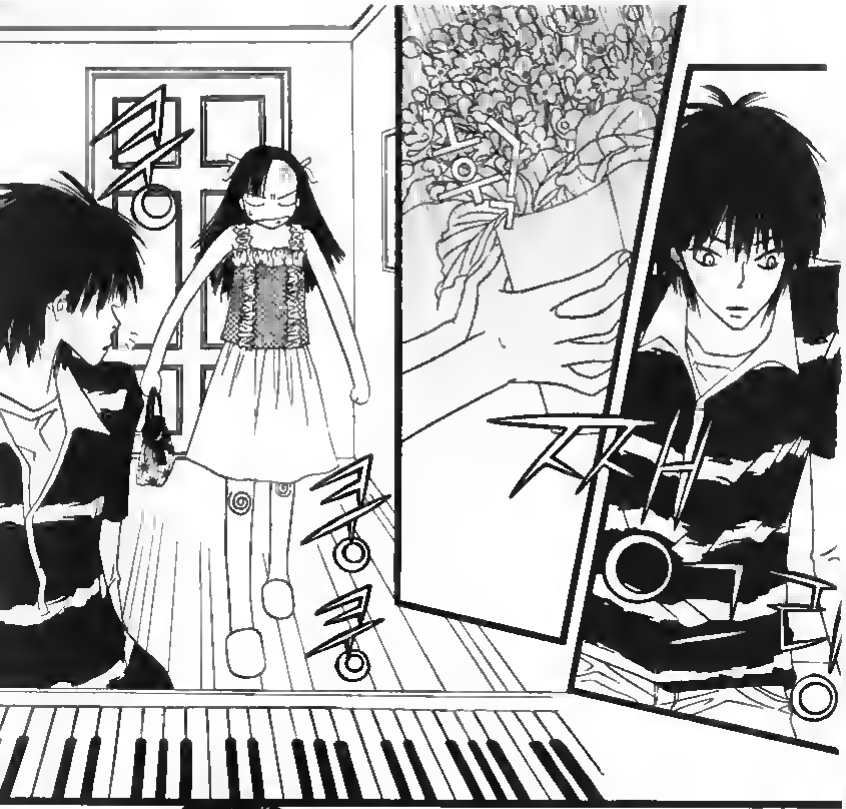
HEY! SUNGHUCK!
OPEN THE DOOR! IT'S HOT OUT HERE!
WHAT'S THIS? YOU THINK BEING LATE IS SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF, ROSA?

WHAT ARE THESE FOR?
THEY'RE NOT FOR YOU.
THEY'RE FOR ME TO NOT GO CRAZY IN THIS OREARY ROOM.
WHEW, IT'S HOT HERE! GET ME SOME WATER!
DON'T PUT THEM ON TOP OF THE PIANO!
BUT I WANT TO LOOK AT THEM AS I SING!
YOU'RE NOT HERE TO PLAY.
COME ON! HURRY UP AND PLAY THE ACCOMPANIMENT! I WANNA GET OUT OF HERE AS SOON AS I CAN!
WHERE'S YOUR SHEET MUSIC?
I'VE MEMORIZED IT ALREADY.
NOT LIKE IT HAS ANY LYRICS, RIGHT?
THOSE FLOWERS WILL WILT IN ABOUT TWO SECONDS IF YOU DON'T PUT THEM IN SOME WATER!
AND BESIDES! WHAT'S WRONG...
...WITH TRYING TO HAVE ATMOSPHERE?!

LA LA LA LA!!♪
Ahem
.....
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?! THAT SCARED THE HECK OUT OF ME!
WHAT'S IT MATTER?
YOU DIDN'T SING ANY OF THE RIGHT NOTES!
LA--
Crash
WELL, EXCUSE ME! WHY ARE YOU BEING SO CRITICAL?!
I CAN'T STAND THAT STUFF, UNDERSTAND?!
I KNOW YOU GET BY AT SCHOOL BY SUCKING UP TO THE TEACHERS, QUEEN ROSA...
...BUT THAT DOESN'T FLY WITH ME!


YOU KNOW WHAT, SUNGHUCK?!
YOU CAN FORGET IT! I QUIT!
DON'T PRETEND YOU KNOW ME AT SCHOOL!
I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO MY MOM!
IT'S A LOST CAUSE-- HEERACK ONLY CARES ABOUT MIYOUL ANYWAY!
THIS SUCKS!
I KNEW YOU'D PULL SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
LACK OF PERSEVERANCE IS A DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTIC OF GIRLS WHO GROW UP LIKE PRINCESSES.



IT'S BETTER TO LACK PERSEVERANCE THAN TO BE AN ASSHOLE.
GOT IT?

SO? YOU LIKE BEING FLIPPED THE ROYAL BIRD?
ASSHOLE!

HMPH!

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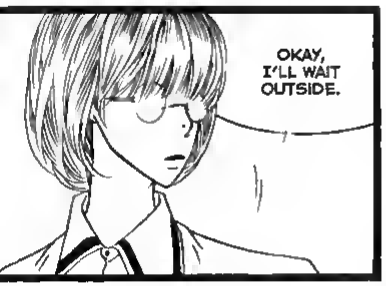
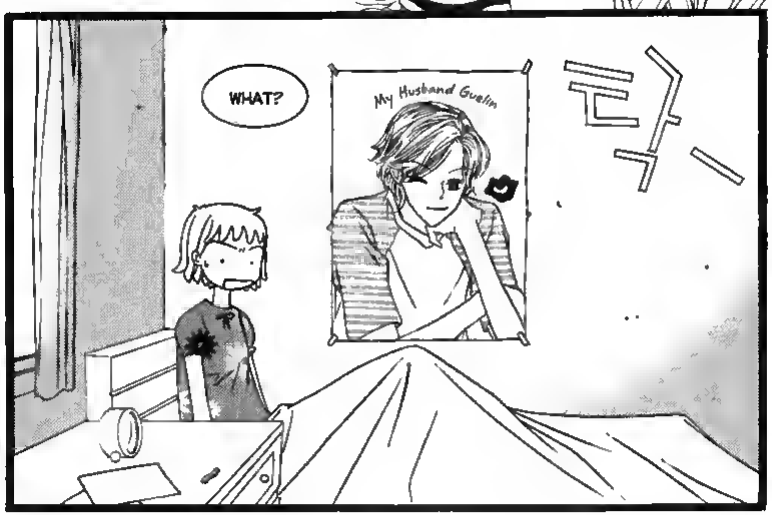
Sniff
HE'S JUST...A BAD PERSON.
Sniff
DID HE REALLY THINK I KEPT COMING FOR THE PAPER CRANE?
MAYBE AT FIRST, BUT THEN I THOUGHT...
...I WAS HELPING.
ANYWAY, WHO KNEW THINGS WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS?
IT'S STILL ALL HIS FAULT!

...YOU!/
WAKE UP.
MIYOUL, IT'S TIME TO GET UP.
...
Hrrrmble
I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME INTO MY ROOM!/
WAIT OUTSIDE!/
...?


OKAY, I'LL WAIT OUTSIDE.

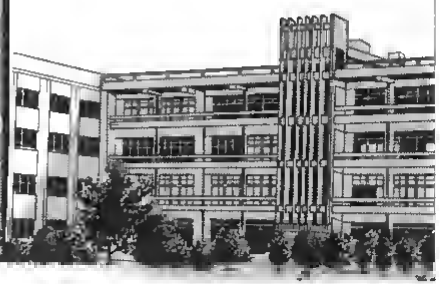
SIGH.

YOU KNOW WHAT, MIYOUL? FROM NOW ON, YOU SHOULD PROBABLY START WAKING YOURSELF UP.
...OKAY?


WHAT?
My Husband Guelin

WHY'D HE SAY THAT?
WHAT'S HE UP TO?

HE DIDN'T OFFER TO CARRY MY BACKPACK, EITHER...

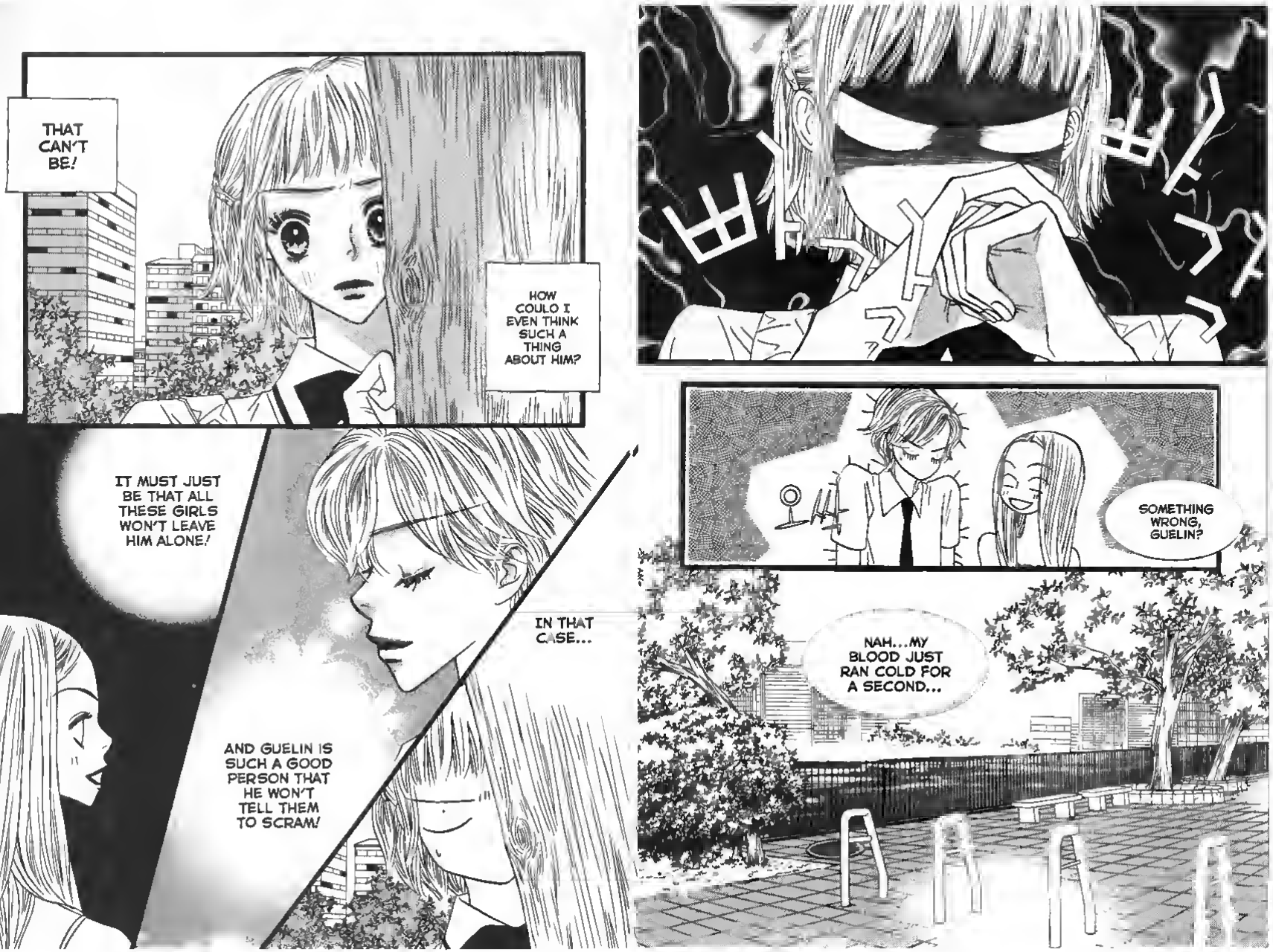


NO MORE SINGING PRACTICE WITH SUNGHUCK?
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING BACK THERE!
.. ...

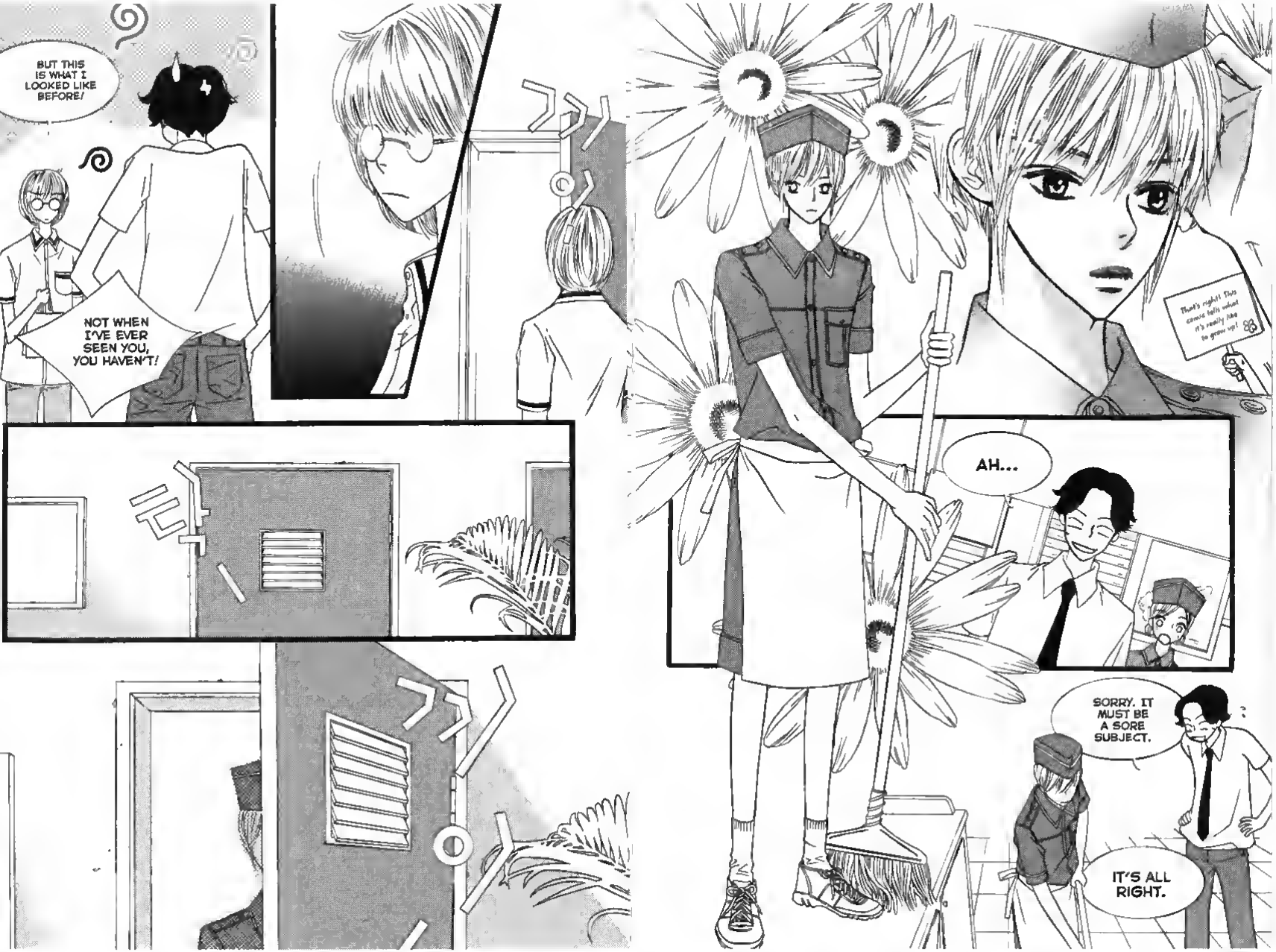
WOW, FOR REAL?
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M SAYING.
OH MY GOSH! SO HE TOOK YOU AROUND ALL DAY, TREATED YOU TO A MOVIE AND EVERYTHING?
WOW, HE MUST REALLY LIKE YOU, MIYOUL..
YOU MUST BE SO HAPPY!
CHECK OUT WHAT HE GOT ME.
WOW! I'M JEALOUS.

IF GUELIN LIKES YOU THAT MUCH, HE MUST'VE TAKEN YOU ALONG TO THE SLIPPER CLUB MEETING, RIGHT?
HUH...?
O-OF COURSE HE DID!
UH... TODAY'S NO GOOD FOR A TOUR...
SO MIYOUL'S GOING OUT WITH GUELIN.
REALLY? WHAT WAS IT LIKE?
YOU HAVE TO GIVE US A TOUR!
WAIT! DOES THAT MEAN THAT HEERACK IS SINGLE?!
bong
DAMN...
THIS SITUATION CALLS FOR ME TO SHADOW PRACTICALLY EVERY MOVE GUELIN MAKES.
WELL, NOTHING WRONG WITH LEARNING STUFF I'LL KNOW SOON AS I JOIN THE SLIPPER CLUB.
THIS TIME, I'M NOT GONNA LOSE GUELIN NO MATTER WHAT!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
HER STYLE DOESN'T CHANGE MUCH, BUT...
WAIT, DON'T TELL ME...
GUELIN REALLY IS A PLAYER?!!
THAT GIRL WITH GUELIN LOOKS DIFFERENT EVERY TIME I SEE HER.


THAT CAN'T BE!
HOW COULD I EVEN THINK SUCH A THING ABOUT HIM?
IT MUST JUST BE THAT ALL THESE GIRLS WON'T LEAVE HIM ALONE!
IN THAT CASE...
AND GUELIN IS SUCH A GOOD PERSON THAT HE WON'T TELL THEM TO SCRAM!
SOMETHING WRONG, GUELIN?
NAH...MY BLOOD JUST RAN COLD FOR A SECOND...

Lott
WELCOME, WELCOME...
HOW ARE YOU TODAY, SIR?
I-I MENDED MY RIPPED WORK CLOTHES.
WHAT? WHO ARE YOU?
I'M HEERACK.
YOU LITTLE-- I GAVE YOU AN ADVANCE ON YOUR PAYCHECK, AND THIS IS THE THANKS I GET?!
YOU'RE NOT FIT COUNTER MATERIAL!


BUT THIS IS WHAT I LOOKED LIKE BEFORE!
NOT WHEN I'VE EVER SEEN YOU, YOU HAVEN'T!
That's right! This comic tells what it's really like to grow up!
AH...
SORRY. IT MUST BE A SORE SUBJECT.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.

SO, HOW DID YOUR GIRLFRIEND LIKE THAT GIFT?
WELCOME...
HEERACK!!
FANCY MEETING YOU HERE!
WHY ARE YOU SWEEPING?!
ROSA!
SIR, WHY ARE YOU GIVING HEERACK SUCH A GRUBBY CHORE TO DO?
WELL, HE DOES WORK HERE...
I CAN'T. I'M AT WORK.
WELL, I'M WALKING OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW, HEERACK. YOU SHOULD ESCORT ME.
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW...
...ABOUT MIYOUL AND GUELIN?

FACE IT, HEERACK. MIYOUL IS JUST THAT KIND OF GIRL, YOU KNOW?
GIVE UP ON HER, AND LISTEN TO ME...
WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT I'VE... GIVEN UP ON MIYOUL...
...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT NOW I'M LOOKING FOR—
YOU STILL OWE ME, HEERACK.
REMEMBER *PINK WITH BLUE TEOOY BEARS"? OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
*See Volume 1, page 83.
SIR, CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION? WHAT'S HEERACK'S HOURLY WAGE?
UM... 2,100 WON. WHY?
BOSS?!
DON'T GO TOO FAR NOW, HEERACK!
Can you believe she paid me to let him leave like that?
BOSS!
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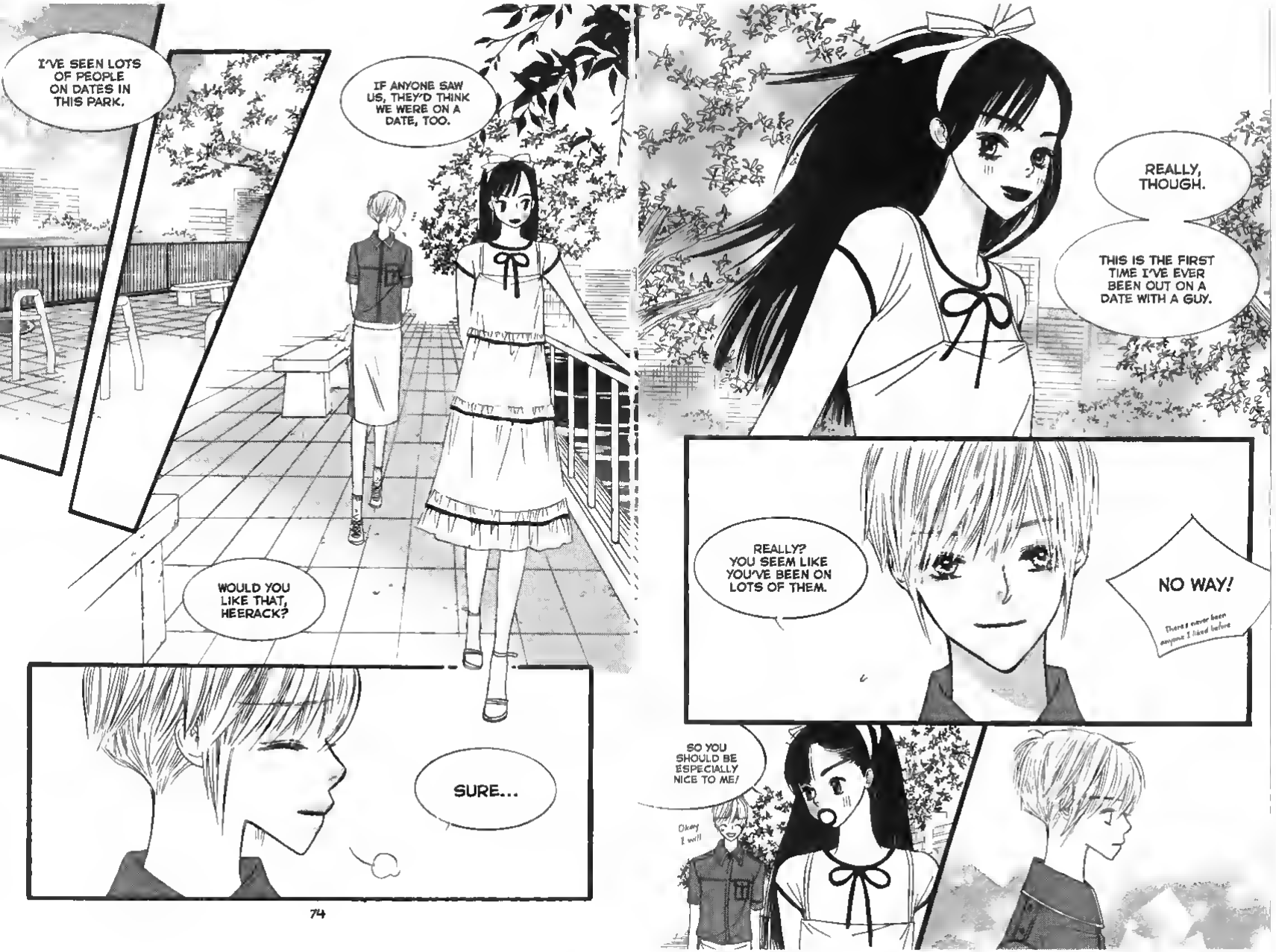
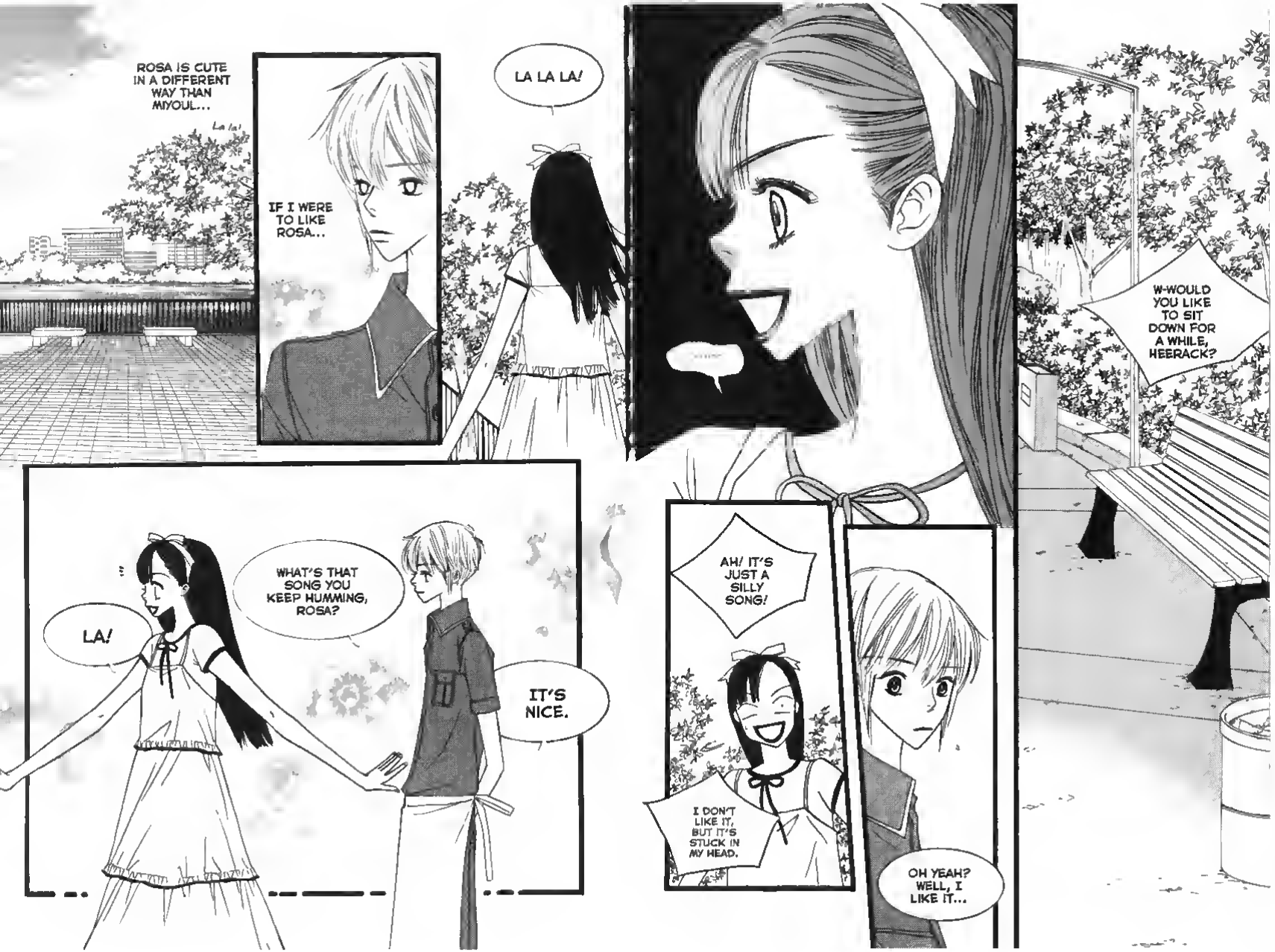

I'VE SEEN LOTS OF PEOPLE ON DATES IN THIS PARK.
IF ANYONE SAW US, THEY'D THINK WE WERE ON A DATE, TOO.
WOULD YOU LIKE THAT, HEERACK?
SURE...
REALLY, THOUGH.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN OUT ON A DATE WITH A GUY.
REALLY? YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'VE BEEN ON LOTS OF THEM.
NO WAY!
There's never been anyone I liked before
SO YOU SHOULD BE ESPECIALLY NICE TO ME!
Okay I will


ROSA IS CUTE IN A DIFFERENT WAY THAN MIYOUL...
La la!
IF I WERE TO LIKE ROSA...
LA LA LA!
W-WOULD YOU LIKE TO SIT DOWN FOR A WHILE, HEERACK?
LA!
WHAT'S THAT SONG YOU KEEP HUMMING, ROSA?
IT'S NICE.
AH! IT'S JUST A SILLY SONG!
I DON'T LIKE IT, BUT IT'S STUCK IN MY HEAD.
OH YEAH? WELL, I LIKE IT...

STUPID SUNGHUCK! GET YOUR STUPID SONG OUT OF MY HEAD!
I REALLY HAD A GREAT TIME TODAY.
YEAH, ME TOO. I'M SORRY I CAN'T WALK YOU HOME.
THAT'S OKAY, GUELIN.
I'LL BE GOING NOW.
BYE-BYE.
HEY! YOU THERE!

GOT A SECOND?
WHAT THE--?!
WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT?! WHO ARE YOU?!

I...DON'T KNOW YOU-- OR ANYONE LIKE YOU!
Keep Out
드르 건들
ME?
I'M THE FIRST LADY OF NACHSUNG! GUELIN'S GIRLFRIEND IS NONE OTHER THAN ME!
NO!!
AND YOU...
LET ME MAKE IT EVEN CLEARER. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET CHEWED UP AND SPIT OUT...
...JUST LEAVE GUELIN ALONE, OKAY?
CONSIDER THIS YOUR WARNING.
SHEESH...
WHAT ?!
MY, MY, MY... SO WHAT ARE YOU, A GANGSTA?
I'VE SEEN YOU LURKING AROUND SO MANY TIMES WHILE I WAS WITH GUELIN.
AHHH!
질겅 질겅
YOU'RE JUST LIKE THIS GUM I'M CHEWING, UNDERSTAND?!
YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR PLACE, OTHERWISE YOU WOULDN'T BE STICKING TO GUELIN!

OW OW OW!!
YOU BITCH! LET GO OF MY HAIR!
GIVE HIM UP! DO YOU HEAR ME?!

NO! YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME FIRST!
IF SHE WON'T LISTEN TO REASON...

AAAAHHH

THAT'S SO STUPID, FIGHTING IN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE LIKE THIS...
JUST SAY GUELIN IS MINE, OKAY?!
BUT I'VE BEEN HIS GIRLFRIEND LONGER!
GIRLS?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
IS THAT...?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
HEERACK! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
THAT VOICE... I KNOW IT IS, BUT I DON'T WANT...

AHHH! SOMEONE HELP ME!
LISTEN TO ME! I WENT ON A DATE WITH GUELIN! DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME? A DATE!
HE LOVES ME SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE ME A PRESENT!
SEE! THIS HAIR CLIP IS PROOF!
OH MY GOSH! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...
WHAT? YOU DOUBT ME?!
THAT HAIR CLIP YOU'RE WEARING? ME TOO! SAME THING!

GUELIN GOT ME EXACTLY THE SAME GIFT!
WHEW! THESE KIDS TODAY ARE SCARY...
PLEASE LET ME THROUGH.
PARDON ME!

YOU DON'T DESERVE IT!
GIVE IT TO ME!
STOP IT! LEAVE HER ALONE!
MIYOUL!
WHAT?!
...

WHAT'S SHE DOING HOLDING ONTO HEERACK?
WHAT A SORRY SIGHT THAT IS...!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, BUT...
...HOW COULD YOU HIT SOMEONE LIKE THAT, MIYOUL?
CUZ HER GIFT FROM GUELIN LOOKS JUST LIKE MINE!
AND YOU EXPECT ME TO SIT HERE AND DO NOTHING ABOUT IT?!
BUT THAT'S GUELIN'S FAULT! NOT HERS!
WHAT?!
WHO ARE YOU TO TALK TRASH ABOUT GUELIN?!
AND WHY IS ROSA...
WAKE UP, MIYOUL!
EVERYONE KNOWS GUELIN'S A PLAYER BUT YOU!
...STUCK LIKE GLUE TO HEERACK? BLECH!

DON'T LIE TO ME!
LET IT GO, HEERACK!
YOU MAY AS WELL BE TALKING TO A WALL.
YOU'D BE BETTER OFF TALKING TO A TREE.
WHO ARE YOU GOING TO LISTEN TO, MIYOUL? ME, YOUR NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR FOR TEN YEARS? OR GUELIN?
THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION IS OBVIOUS, HEERACK.
DO YOU EVEN HAVE TO ASK?
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!!
WOW, I HATED HER PLENTY UP 'TIL NOW, AND THEN SHE SAYS THIS...
WHAT'S THE POINT OF TALKING TO SOMEONE WHO JUST DOESN'T GET IT, HEERACK?
THAT'S IT!

TODAY YOU DIE!
NO!!
HEERACK, HELP ME!
STEP ASIDE! C'MON!
WELL, IT'S YOUR FUNERAL.
STOP IT, MIYOUL. JUST STOP THIS...
GONNA TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RUN AWAY...
WHAT ?!

HOW COULD HEERACK DO THIS TO ME?!
FIRST HE GETS DUPED BY THIS GIRL ROSA AND NOW HE'S TAKING HER SIDE?!
STEP ASIDE, LOSER!
GAH!
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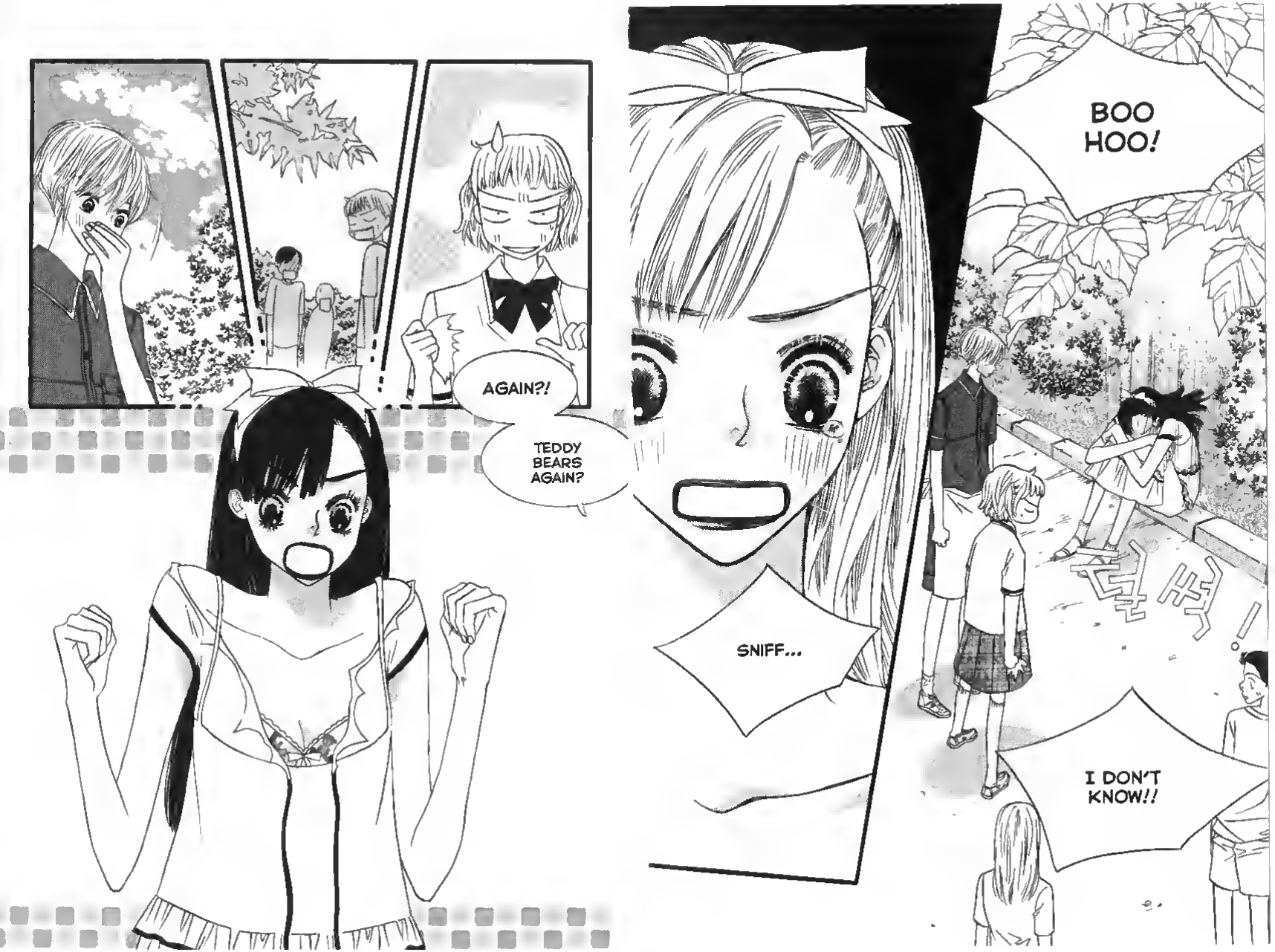

BOO HOO!
AGAIN?!
TEDDY BEARS AGAIN?
SNIFF...
I DON'T KNOW!!

.....
IT'S A THEME.
WHAT THE? IS SHE CRYING FOR REAL?
WHAT IS HEERACK DOING?
HERE, ROSA. WEAR THIS ON YOUR WAY HOME.
IT MIGHT BE GREASY, BUT AT LEAST...
...IT WILL COVER YOU.
BUT HEERACK!
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WON'T YOUR BOSS YELL AT YOU?

DON'T WORRY. I'M A BOY. I DON'T NEED A SHIRT LIKE YOU DO.
PLUS, MY SCHOOL UNIFORM'S AT LOTTERIA, SO I'LL BE FINE.
MY MANAGER WILL GET ON MY CASE A LITTLE, BUT THAT'S ALL.
MIYOUL, I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE DISAPPOINTED BY YOU ANYMORE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
WHAT? WHAT'S THAT HE JUST SAID?!
I TELL YOU THAT OUT OF FRIENDSHIP. TEN YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP.
LET'S GET YOU UP.
THANKS SO VERY MUCH...
LOOK AT THESE TWO! AREN'T THEY JUST A PAIR OF LOVE BIRDS?!
NICE WIFE YOU GOT THERE, HEERACK.
BOY, HAS SHE GOT YOU WHIPPED.
.....

"FRIEND-SHIP"? PLEASE!
HEY! DID YOU HEAR ME?!
WHO EVER SAID WE WERE FRIENDS?

HHHH...

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU.
PERHAPS WITH A MEAL AT MY HOUSE?
OH, I DIDN'T DO THAT MUCH, ROSA.

I WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME FOR ANYONE, ROSA.
ANY GIRL IN A BAD SITUATION LIKE THAT...
...I JUST FEEL AWFUL FOR HER.
THAT...

...MAKES HIM EVEN MORE APPEAL-ING!

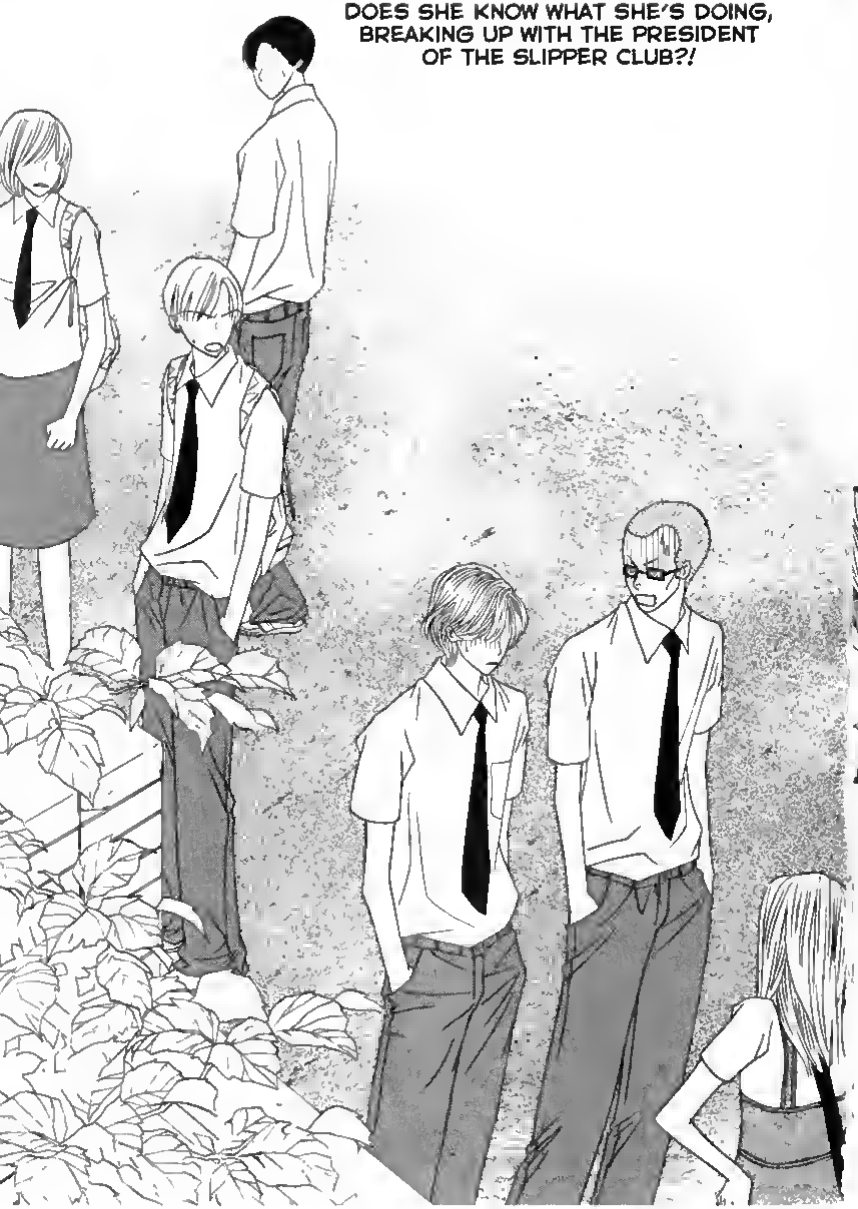
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

THE OTHER DAY YOU RIP YOUR UNIFORM AND NOW YOU'VE LOST IT?!
I DIDN'T LOSE IT, BUT... CAN I WEAR MY SCHOOL UNIFORM INSTEAD?
NO! YOU STAY BAREBACK!
Girls will be falling all over themselves to eat here!
SIR?
터벅
터벅..

Dear Miyoul,
I'm on deadline at work and won't be home 'til late
Make you sure eat well And don't forget to lock the door!
Love, mom

HMPH!
I HATE MY MOM.
I HATE MY TEACHERS.
I HATE HEERACK.
I HATE THEM ALL!
WELL, THE ONLY WAY TO BE SURE ABOUT EVERYTHING...
...IS TO ASK GUELIN HIMSELF!
따닥따닥...

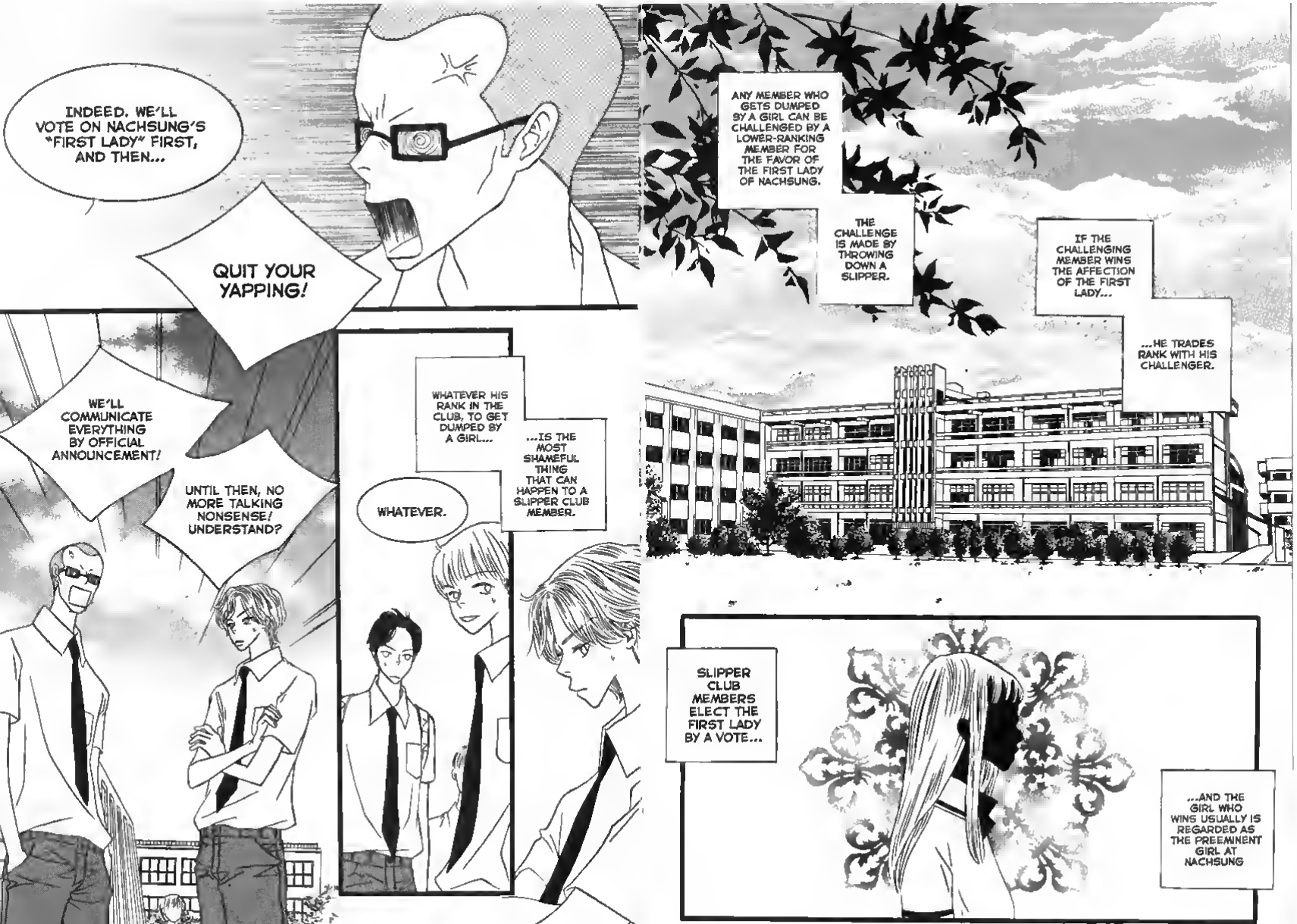
I HEARD ALL I NEEDED TO HEAR FROM THAT INSANE GIRL WHO ATTACKED ME!
AND?
YOU'RE A PLAYER AND I DON'T HAVE TO TAKE IT ANYMORE! KEEP YOUR STUPID PRESENT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME TO THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL LIKE THIS!


DOES SHE KNOW WHAT SHE'S DOING, BREAKING UP WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SLIPPER CLUB?!

YOU CAN'T BREAK UP WITH ME.
IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
WILL YOU LISTEN TO YOURSELF? YOU'RE SO CONCEITED! GOOD THING I ONLY DATED YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR MONEY AND LOOKS--BECAUSE YOUR PERSONALITY IS CRAP, GUELIN!
SNIFF!
IS THAT YOU, MIYOUL?
"THAT INSANE GIRL"...
HEE HEE! HEY.
YOU'RE NOT MAD, ARE YOU?

WOW. I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING. MIYOUL IS JUST UNBELIEVABLE...
"YOU'RE NOT MAD, ARE YOU?" HOW ON EARTH CAN SHE ASK ME THAT?
LOOK, GUELIN. YOU HAVE TO SACRIFICE ON THE SMALL THINGS SO YOU CAN GET THE BIG THINGS, RIGHT?
THINK ABOUT THE PRIZE— HEEHAAK!
YOU JUST SAW! I DON'T EVEN DO ANYTHING, AND...
...THESE GIRLS STILL WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE!
AH...
GUELIN IS SO CHARMING.
I FEEL A FLUTTER IN MY HEART!
I KNEW IT!
DON'T GET ME WRONG, GUELIN, I-I DON'T BELIEVE ANY OF IT, BUT...
...WELL, I HEARD SOME PRETTY BAD RUMORS ABOUT YOU, GUELIN.
IT SCARES ME TO EVEN SAY IT, BUT...
...THEY SAY YOU'RE A PLAYER!
Hmm
TELL ME IT'S NOT TRUE!
I'M SORRY I DOUBTED YOU, EVEN FOR A MOMENT!
HAVE A GOOD DAY.
YEAH, YOU TOO.

OH, YEAH. I ALMOST FORGOT!
I WUV YOU, GUELIN!
WHEW! I ALMOST FORGOT. LA LA LA!
YOU HOLDING UP OKAY? SHE'S COMING ON STRONG...
BLECH!
I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO DODGE IT!
HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN.
DID OUR LEADER JUST GET DUMPED BY A GIRL?
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, RIGHT?
ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 3, SECTION 1 OF THE CLUB RULES, DOESN'T THAT MEAN WE HAVE A "NACHSUNG MUTINY" NOW?


INDEED. WE'LL VOTE ON NACHSUNG'S "FIRST LADY" FIRST, AND THEN...
QUIT YOUR YAPPING!
WE'LL COMMUNICATE EVERYTHING BY OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!
UNTIL THEN, NO MORE TALKING NONSENSE! UNDERSTAND?
WHATEVER HIS RANK IN THE CLUB, TO GET DUMPED BY A GIRL...
...IS THE MOST SHAMEFUL THING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO A SLIPPER CLUB MEMBER.
WHATEVER.
ANY MEMBER WHO GETS DUMPED BY A GIRL CAN BE CHALLENGED BY A LOWER-RANKING MEMBER FOR THE FAVOR OF THE FIRST LADY OF NACHSUNG.
THE CHALLENGE IS MADE BY THROWING DOWN A SLIPPER.
IF THE CHALLENGING MEMBER WINS THE AFFECTION OF THE FIRST LADY...
...HE TRADES RANK WITH HIS CHALLENGER.
SLIPPER CLUB MEMBERS ELECT THE FIRST LADY BY A VOTE...
...AND THE GIRL WHO WINS USUALLY IS REGARDED AS THE PREEMINENT GIRL AT NACHSUNG

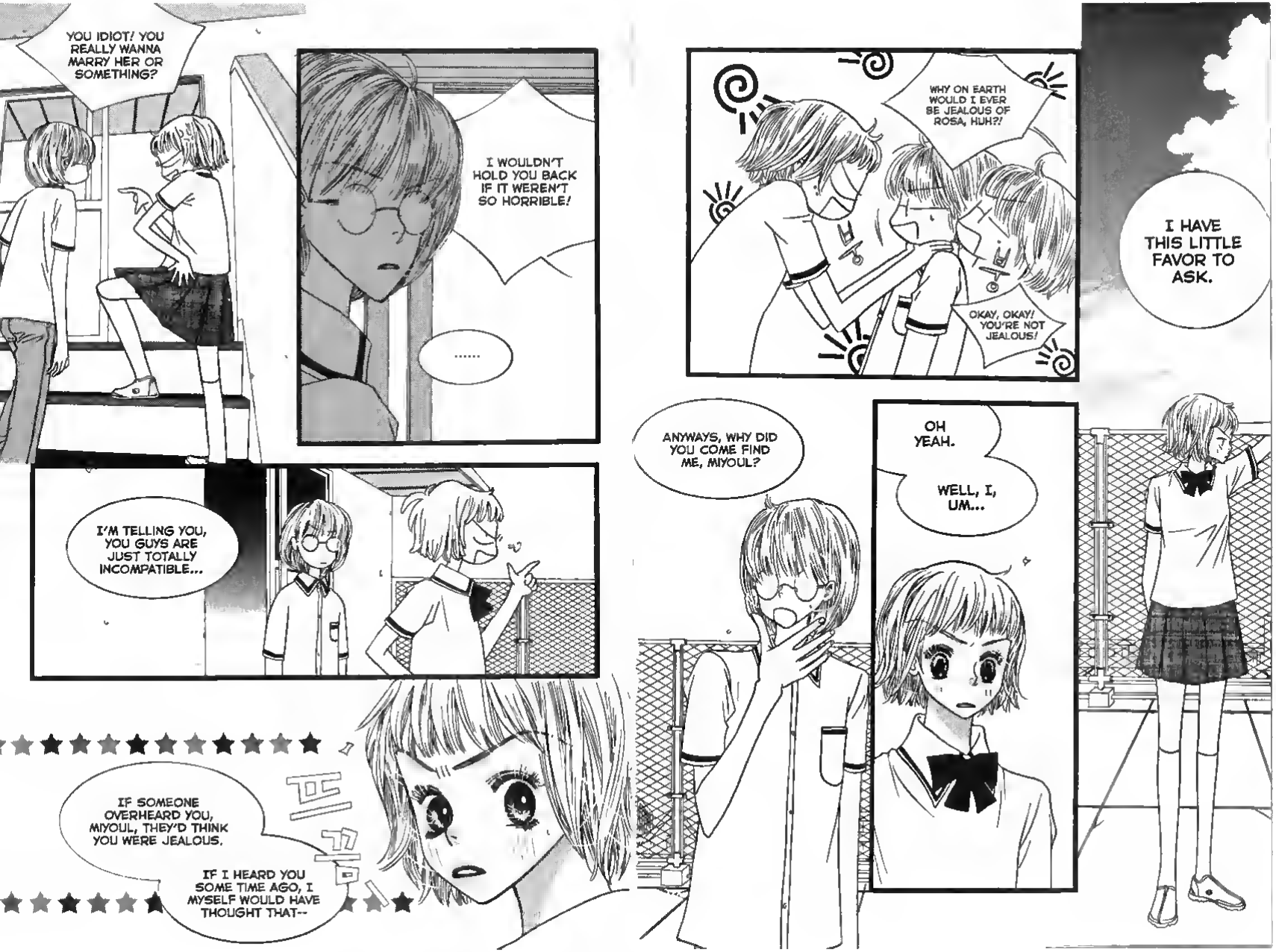
SO THE SLIPPER CLUB MEMBERS START TOURING THE JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOMS TO FIND A CANDIDATE...
WHO'S IT GONNA BE?!
WHO?
WILL IT BE ROSA?
WHO KNOWS? THERE ARE SO MANY PRETTY GIRLS!
IT'LL BE ME, OF COURSE!
HEY!
WOW. GUELIN GOT OUMPEO.
THAT'S A REAL SHOCK!
TO BECOME THE FIRST LADY OF NACHSUNG...
THIS COULD BE MY CHANCE.

WHY WOULDN'T I WIN?
GUELIN AND I WILL JUST LOOK SO GOOD TOGETHER...
NOW IF SOMEONE WOULD JUST NOMINATE ME AS A CANDIDATE...
SOMEONE WHO...
BUT OF COURSE! I'LL JUST CONVINCE HEERACK...
OH, GOOD! YOU GOT A NEW SHIRT.
YOU KNOW, HEERACK, I...
YOU KNOW WITHOUT ME HAVING TO TELL YOU, RIGHT? I...

I LIKE YOU, HEERACK.
HEERACK! COME HERE, HEERACK!
WHAT'S SHE...?

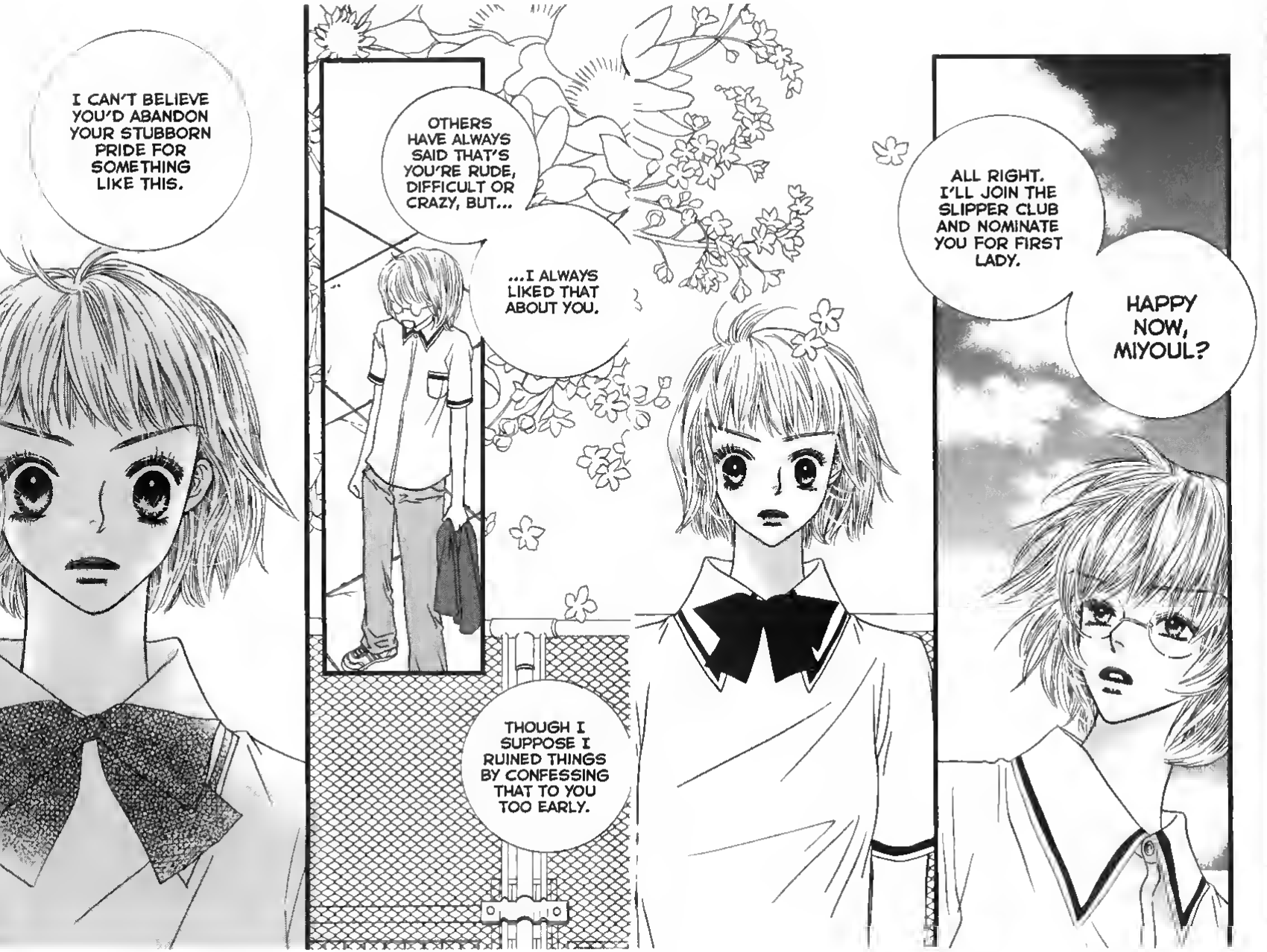
Fighting!

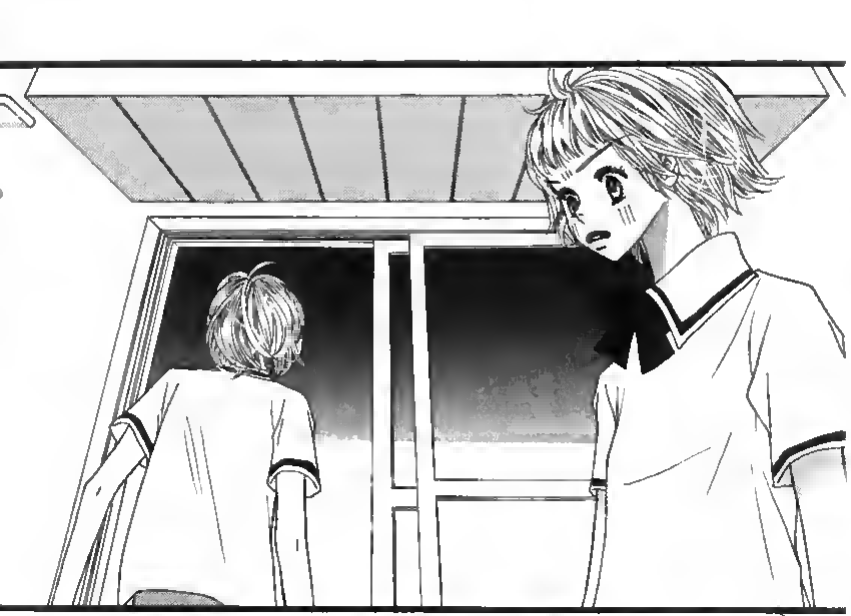
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?! I SAID COME HERE!
DON'T GO, HEERACK!
I'M SORRY, ROSA.
I'LL HEAR ABOUT IT LATER IF I DON'T.
Pssh!

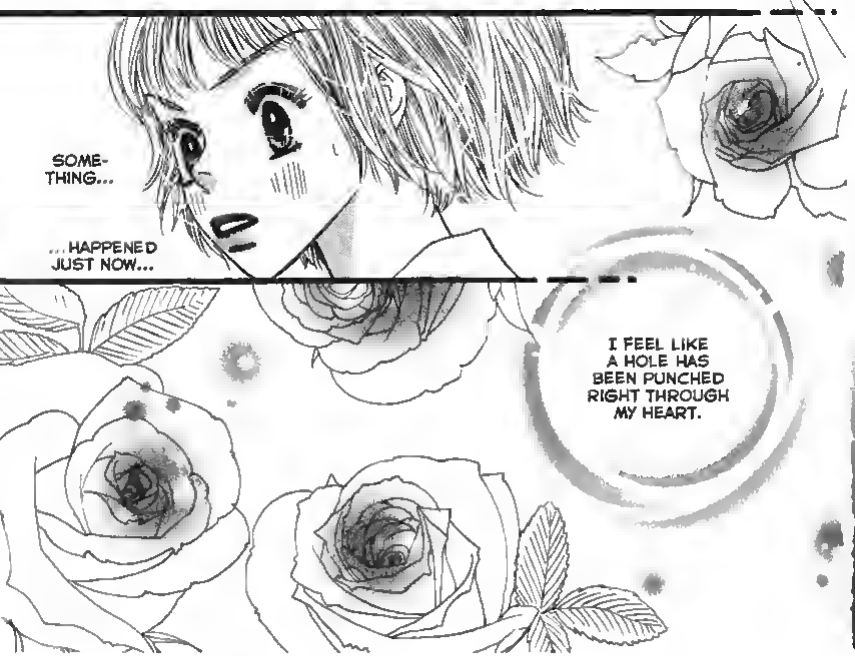

YOU IDIOT! YOU REALLY WANNA MARRY HER OR SOMETHING?
I WOULDN'T HOLD YOU BACK IF IT WEREN'T SO HORRIBLE!
.....
I'M TELLING YOU, YOU GUYS ARE JUST TOTALLY INCOMPATIBLE...
IF SOMEONE OVERHEARD YOU, MIYOUL, THEY'D THINK YOU WERE JEALOUS.
IF I HEARD YOU SOME TIME AGO, I MYSELF WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT--
WHY ON EARTH WOULD I EVER BE JEALOUS OF ROSA, HUH?!
OKAY, OKAY! YOU'RE NOT JEALOUS!
I HAVE THIS LITTLE FAVOR TO ASK.
ANYWAYS, WHY DID YOU COME FIND ME, MIYOUL?
OH YEAH.
WELL, I, UM...

...FAVOR?
A... FAVOR...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD THOSE WORDS FROM YOUR MOUTH, MIYOUL.
WHATEVER! SO ANYHOW, WILL YOU DO IT OR NOT?!
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S ABOUT... WELL...
I WANT YOU TO JOIN THE SLIPPER CLUB.

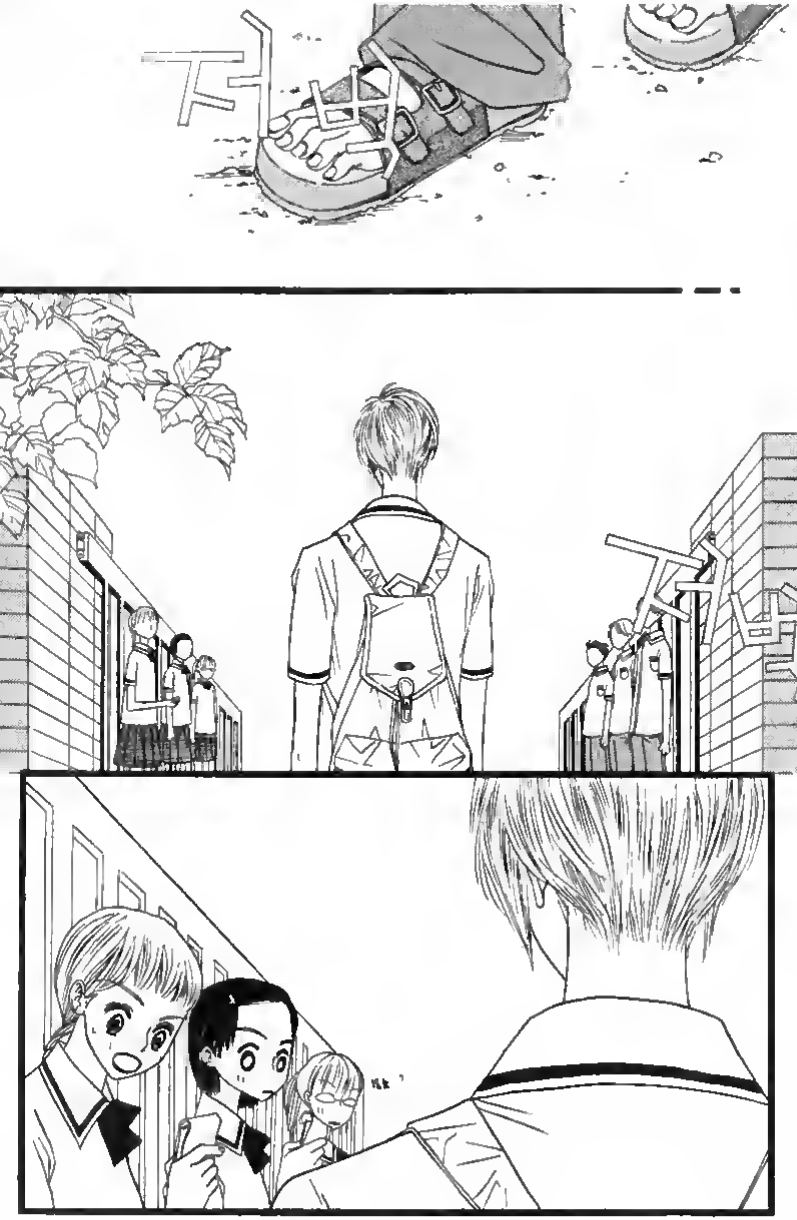
YOU KNOW CONTROLLING THE SCHOOL IS MY DREAM!
IS IT SUCH A BIG FAVOR TO ASK?!
SO YOU WANT TO BE FIRST LADY OF NACHSUNG THAT BAD? THAT YOU'D ASK THIS OF ME?
IS FIRST LADY REALLY SUCH AN IMPORTANT SEAT?
IS THAT WHY YOU LIKE GUELIN SO MUCH? BECAUSE HE'S PRESIDENT OF THE SLIPPER CLUB?
I RECALL YOU TELLING ME THAT YOU WOULD KILL ME IF I EVER JOINED THE SLIPPER CLUB.
BUT I WANT TO BE FIRST LADY! NO--I WILL BE FIRST LADY!
AND IF YOU JOIN THE SLIPPER CLUB, YOU CAN NOMINATE ME!


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D ABANDON YOUR STUBBORN PRIDE FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
OTHERS HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT'S YOU'RE RUDE, DIFFICULT OR CRAZY, BUT...
...I ALWAYS LIKED THAT ABOUT YOU.
THOUGH I SUPPOSE I RUINED THINGS BY CONFESSING THAT TO YOU TOO EARLY.
ALL RIGHT. I'LL JOIN THE SLIPPER CLUB AND NOMINATE YOU FOR FIRST LADY.
HAPPY NOW, MIYOUL?




SOME-
THING...
...HAPPENED
JUST NOW...
I FEEL LIKE
A HOLE HAS
BEEN PUNCHED
RIGHT THROUGH
MY HEART.

THAT JERK.
SOMETHING
FEELS
DIFFERENT
THIS
TIME...



Ha Ha Ha Ha
HEESUNG'S YOUNGER BROTHER JOINED THE SLIPPER CLUB!
Heh!
WE FINALLY DRAGGED HIM IN!
THIS WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS OUR CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT!
IS IT WISE TO SMILE...
...WHEN THERE MIGHT WELL BE A NACHSUNG MUTINY AFOOT?
DON'T WORRY. I CAN TOTALLY WIN OVER WHOEVER GETS PICKED TO BE FIRST LADY!
THERE WON'T BE ANY MUTINY!
A FEW DAYS LATER...

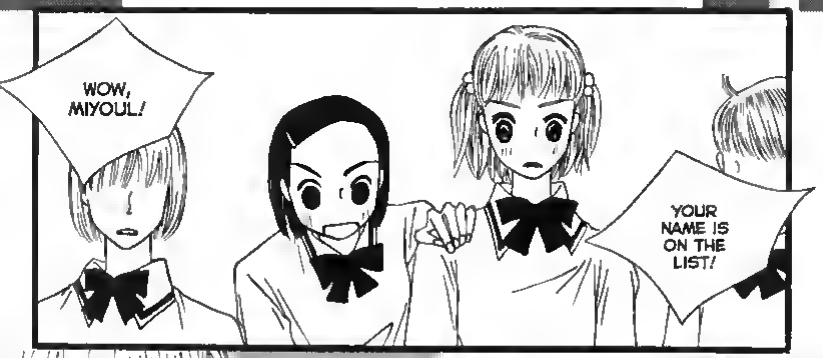
Important Slipper Club Announcement!

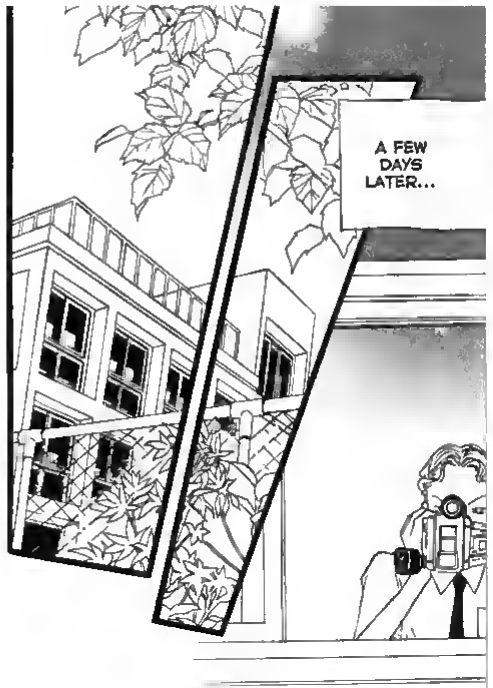
Due to the recent, disgraceful incident involving President Guelin, we will gather to elect a First Lady of Nachsung.

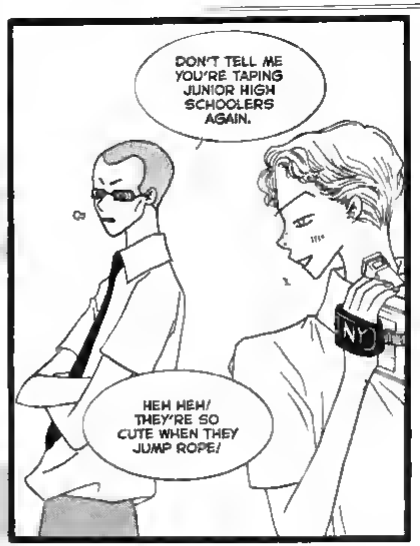
★The members of the Slipper Club will vote among this list for Nachsung's First Lady. Che Rosa, Ban Miyoul, Kim Minji, Kang Sujung, and Cha Haewon.

Any member who wishes to challenge President Guelin must throw down his slipper in a public epace. Be warned: members should be extra careful with their slippsrs in the immediate future, leet their actions be misinterpreted.

Signed,
Junghan
Slipper Club Vice President



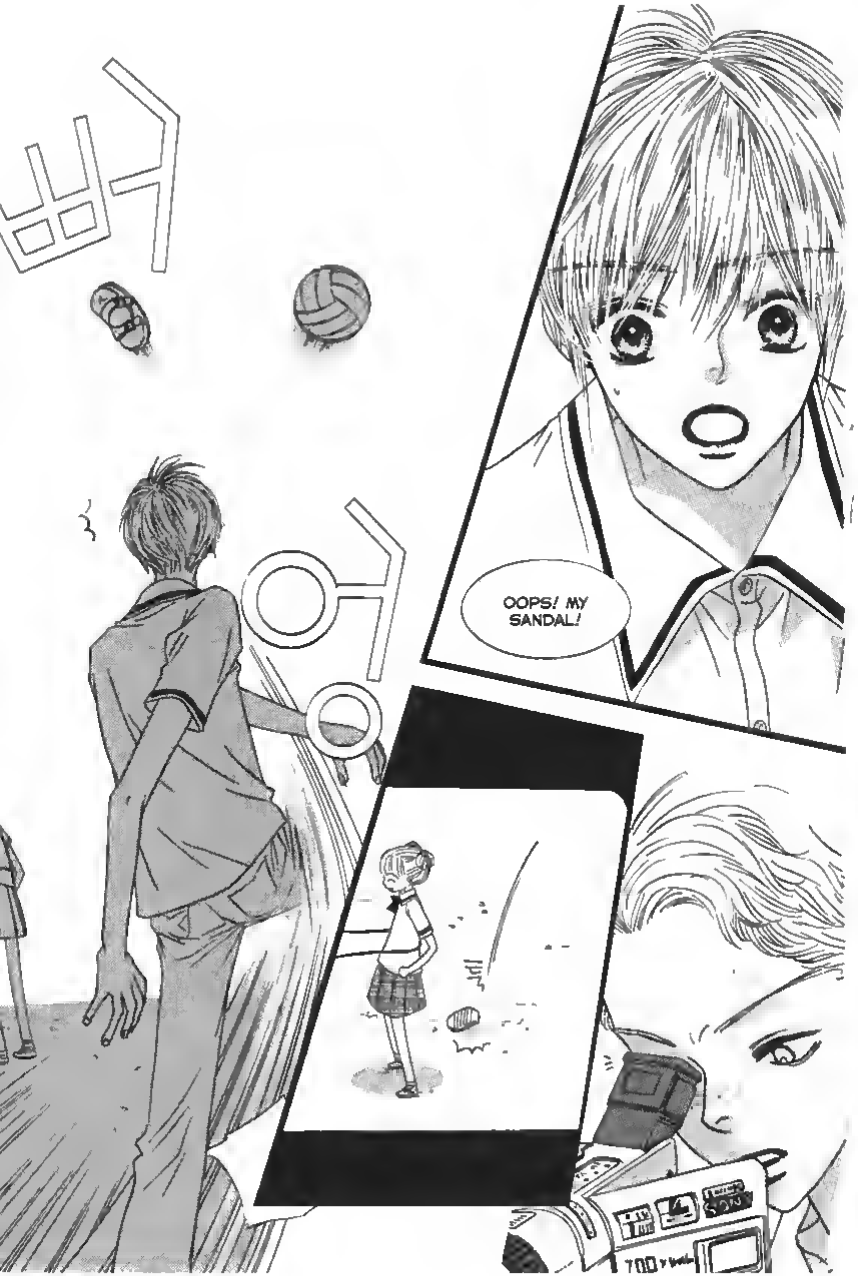


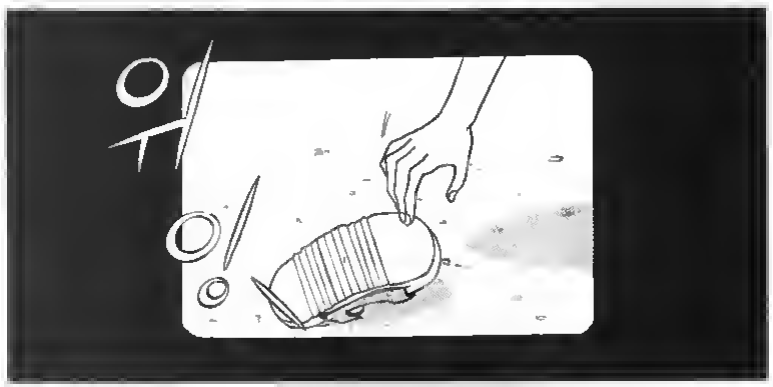


JUMP ROPE! JUMP ROPE! TRA LA LA!

A MUTINY AFTER BEING DUMPED?
WHAT A RIDICULOUS RULE.

HEY! CAN YOU KICK THAT BALL BACK TO US, PLEASE?!

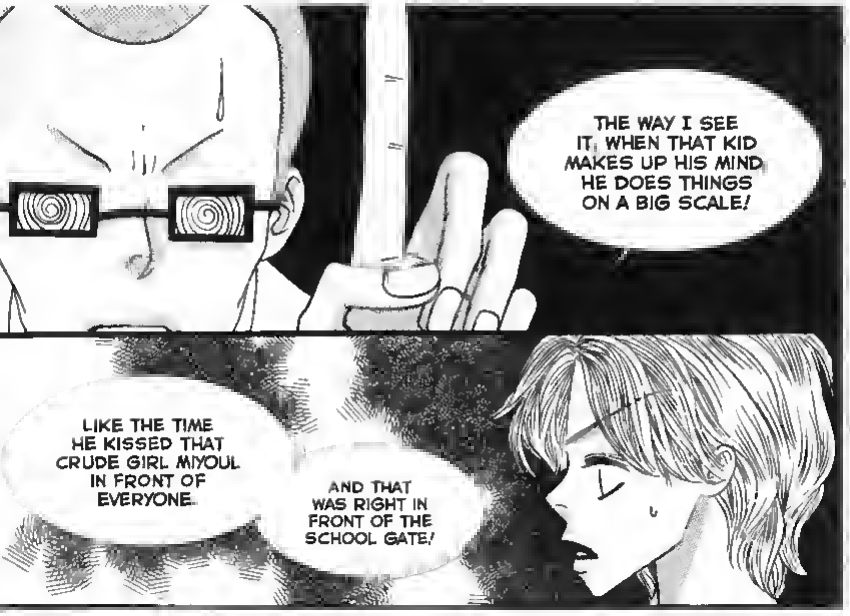

OOPS! MY SANDAL!


OH!

GUELIN! YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS! HEERACK JUST...
SONY
...PUT OUT A CHALLENGE TO YOU!
WHAT'S THAT? WHAT'D OUR NEW SUPERSTAR DO?
HEERACK-- HE...ON THE PLAYGROUND!
.....
HE TOSSED HIS SLIPPER! I CAUGHT IT ON VIDEO!!
LEMME SEE!
JUST LIKE I THOUGHT.
두둑...
THIS SANDAL IS WAY TOO BIG FOR ME.

THIS MUST BE A MISTAKE...
WHY WOULD HE CHALLENGE ME?

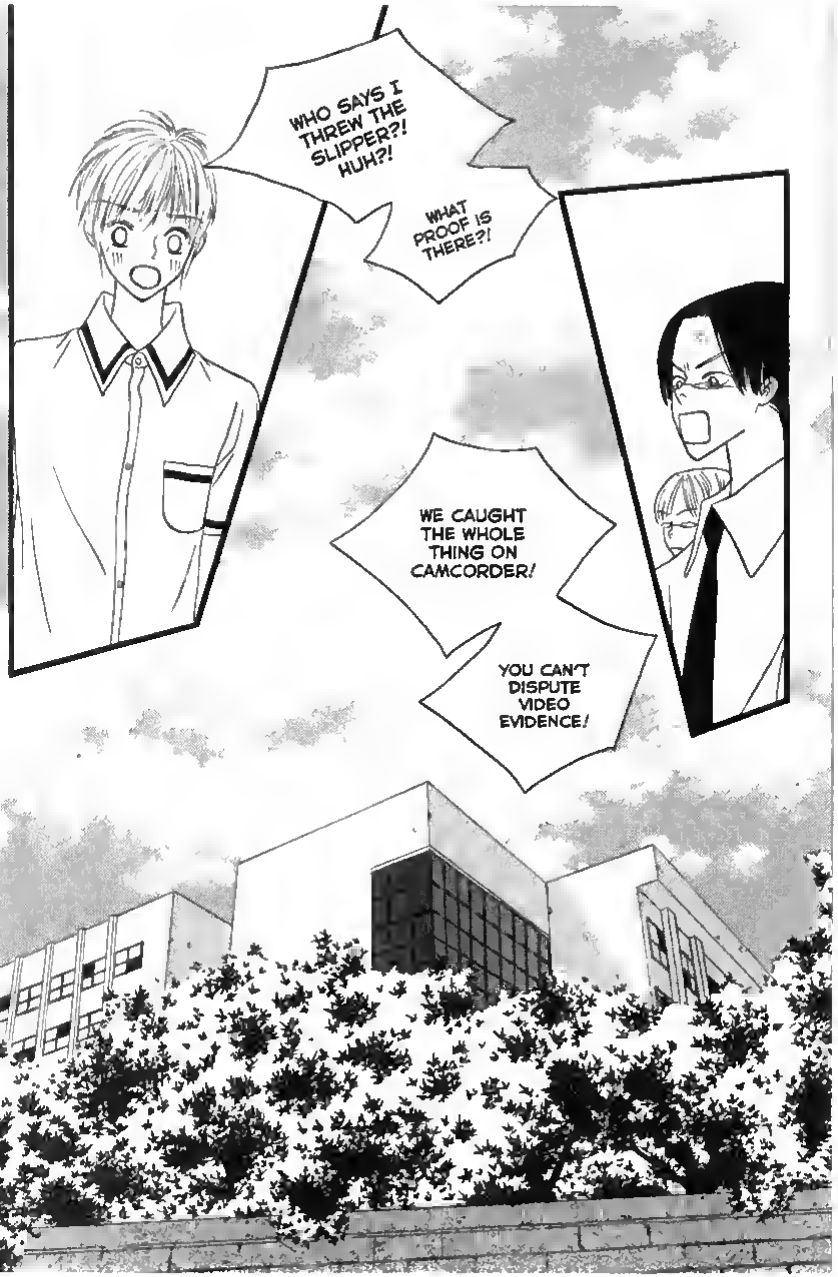
WELL, THE PLAYGROUND IS DEFINITELY A PUBLIC LOCATION...
AND HEERACK CLEARLY TOSSED HIS SLIPPER IN BROAD DAYLIGHT...
IT'S AS THOUGH HE WANTS THE WHOLE SCHOOL TO KNOW HE'S PUTTING OUT A CHALLENGE!


THE WAY I SEE IT, WHEN THAT KID MAKES UP HIS MIND HE DOES THINGS ON A BIG SCALE!
LIKE THE TIME HE KISSED THAT CRUDE GIRL MIYOUL IN FRONT OF EVERYONE.
AND THAT WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL GATE!

YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT BY LOOKING AT HIM, BUT HE'S A SCARY DUDE...
Why do my ears itch so much? Is someone talking about me?
IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, YOU'LL LOSE YOUR SEAT TO HIM, GUELIN.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

WHAT'S THIS? WHO ARE YOU...?
WE'RE THE SLIPPER CLUB'S VOTING COMMITTEE!
TODAY, AT EXACTLY 12:42 PM, YOU, HEERACK, PUT OUT A CHALLENGE TO OUR PRESIDENT, GUELIN.
NEXT FRIDAY AT SEVEN P.M., YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AT THE WANG TOW STEAM ROOM FOR THE VOTING OF THE FIRST LADY OF NACHSUNG!

WHAT CHALLENGE? I NEVER MADE ANY CHALLENGE!
BUT I WAS JUST KICKING A BALL!
—!
YOU DID TOO! YOU TOSSED YOUR SLIPPER!
YOU KICKED A BALL WITH YOUR SLIPPER CLUB SLIPPER ON?!
WELL, WHATEVER YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE DOING, IT'S TOO LATE NOW! THE WHOLE SCHOOL SAW IT!
WE WARNED YOU TO BE CAREFUL!
DIDN'T YOU SEE THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCE-MENT?!


WHO SAYS I THREW THE SLIPPER?! HUH?!
WHAT PROOF IS THERE?!
WE CAUGHT THE WHOLE THING ON CAMCORDER!
YOU CAN'T DISPUTE VIDEO EVIDENCE!

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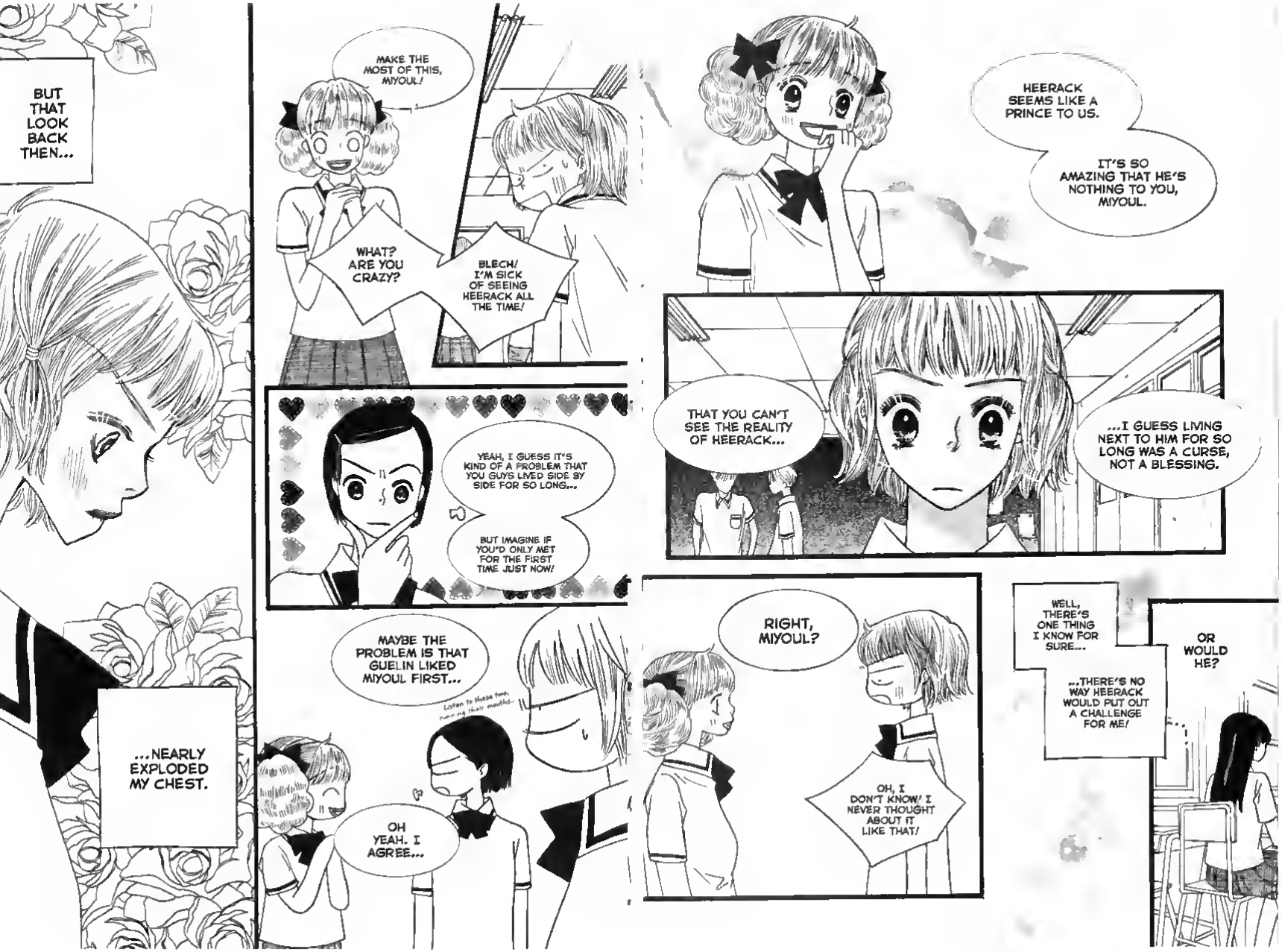
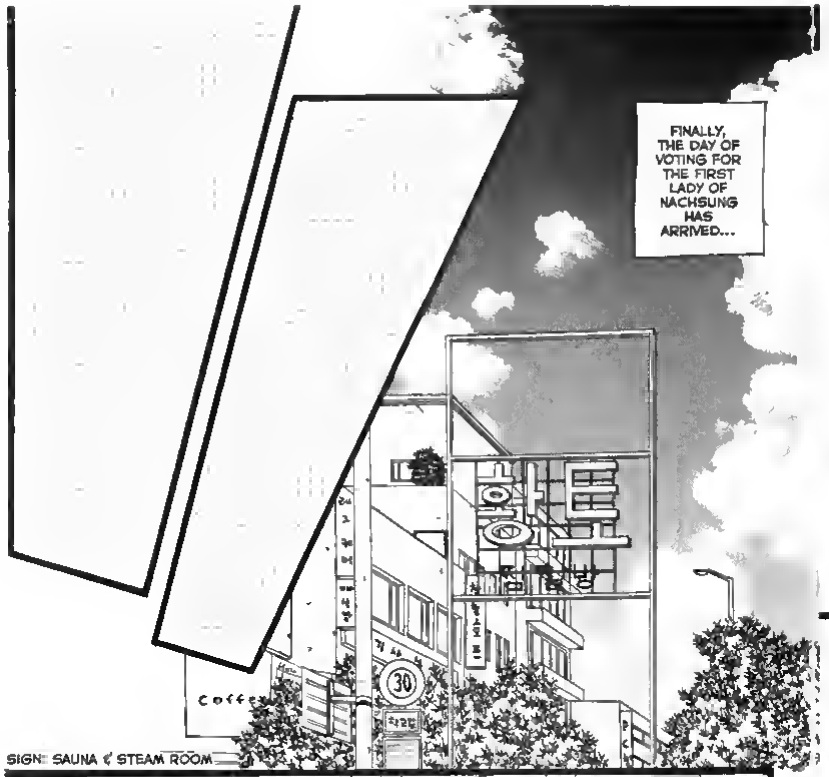
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL...
MIYOUL, YOU MUST BE SO HAPPY!
HEERACK HAS EYES ONLY FOR YOU!
HEERACK CHALLENGED GUELIN FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE SLIPPER CLUB!
He's so dashing!
A CHALLENGE?!
SURE! AT LEAST ACCORDING TO...
...THE ANNOUNCEMENT THE SLIPPER CLUB PUT UP.
IT'S WILD. JUST WHEN YOU THINK YOU KNOW HIM, HEERACK SURPRISES YOU
THE MORE YOU GET TO KNOW HEERACK, THE BRAVER HE SEEMS. .
IT'S SO ROMANTIC!
ROMANTIC, MY BUTT!
OH NO! THIS MEANS...
"HAPPY NOW, MIYOUL?"
DID HE GET OVER HIS DISAPPOINT-MENT?


BUT THAT LOOK BACK THEN...
...NEARLY EXPLODED MY CHEST.
MAKE THE MOST OF THIS, MIYOUL!
WHAT? ARE YOU CRAZY?
BLECH! I'M SICK OF SEEING HEERACK ALL THE TIME!
YEAH, I GUESS IT'S KIND OF A PROBLEM THAT YOU GUYS LIVED SIDE BY SIDE FOR SO LONG...
BUT IMAGINE IF YOU'D ONLY MET FOR THE FIRST TIME JUST NOW!
MAYBE THE PROBLEM IS THAT GUELIN LIKED MIYOUL FIRST...
Listen to these two, runn ng their mouths...
OH YEAH. I AGREE...
HEERACK SEEMS LIKE A PRINCE TO US.
IT'S SO AMAZING THAT HE'S NOTHING TO YOU, MIYOUL.
THAT YOU CAN'T SEE THE REALITY OF HEERACK...
...I GUESS LIVING NEXT TO HIM FOR SO LONG WAS A CURSE, NOT A BLESSING.
RIGHT, MIYOUL?
OH, I DON'T KNOW! I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT LIKE THAT!
WELL, THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW FOR SURE...
...THERE'S NO WAY HEERACK WOULD PUT OUT A CHALLENGE FOR ME!
OR WOULD HE?

ROSA IS ON THE CANDIDATE LIST FOR FIRST LADY OF NACHSUNG TDO, RIGHT?!
COULD IT BE THAT HEERACK DID THIS...
...BECAUSE OF THAT ROSA GIRL...?
SO IS IT TRUE?
DID HEERACK PUT OUT A CHALLENGE TO WIN OVER MIYOUL?
I MEAN, WHEN MIYOUL CALLED TO HIM, HE BROKE DOWN AND WENT RIGHT OVER TO HER...
I'M AT SUCH A DISADVANTAGE!
MY FAMILY IS RICH, SO I NEVER GOT TO LIVE NEXT DOOR TO HEERACK!
ARGH! WHY DO WE HAVE TO BE RICH?!
...NO.
IT'S BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH PAPER CRANES.
THAT STUPID SUNGHUCK RUINED MY CHANCE WITH HEERACK, AND ALL HE WANTED TO DO WAS LISTEN TO HIS PRECIOUS MUSIC!
HOW CAN I MAKE SUNGHUCK PAY FOR WHAT HE DID?



SIGN: SAUNA & STEAM ROOM

WE'LL COLLECT THE BALLOTS IN TEN MINUTES.
PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR VOTE CAREFULLY, THEN MARK YOUR CHOICE.
AND NO LOOKING AT OTHER PEOPLE'S BALLOTS! UNDERSTAND?
OKAY... WHO SHOULD I VOTE FOR?
"I WANT TO BE FIRST LADY!"
"IS THAT SUCH A BIG FAVOR TO ASK?!"
... ...

DON'T LOOK AT MY BALLOT!
WHAT A SNEAK YOU ARE, HEERACK...
OH. IT'S LIKE THAT, IS IT?
PRESIDENT GUELIN!
RESPECT THE RULES!
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE THE VOTING FOR FIRST LADY IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED.
TOMORROW, WE'LL ANNOUNCE THE WINNER BY PUTTING UP A PUBLIC NOTICE.
I WONDER WHO WON.
I BET THAT DORK VOTED FOR ROSA.
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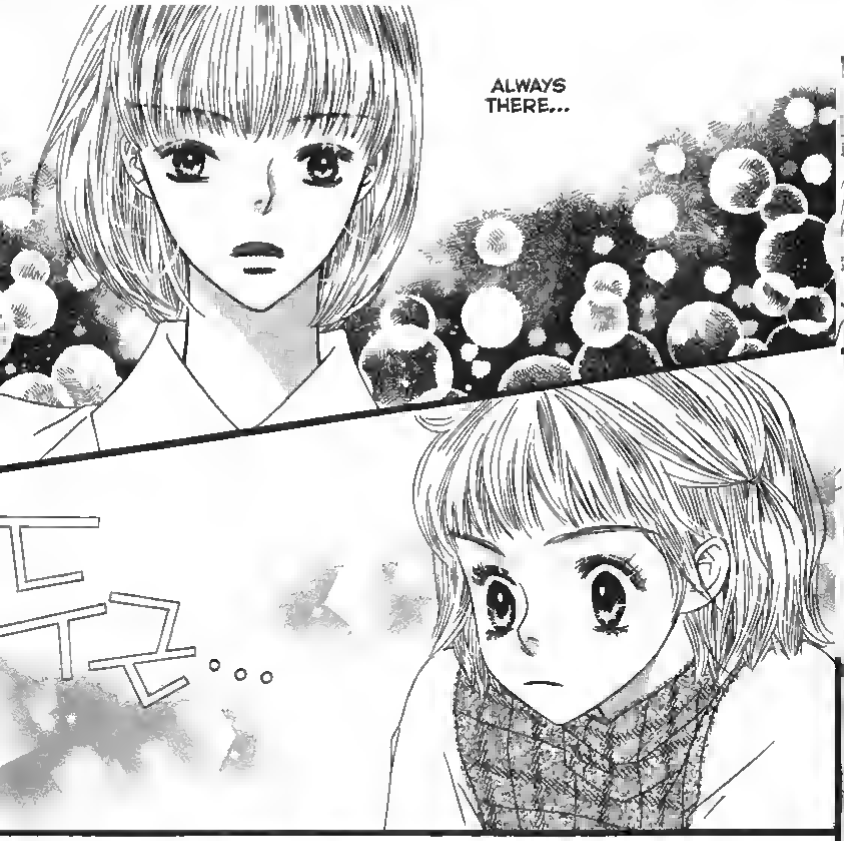
WHY CAN'T I SLEEP?
WHAT AM I THINKING ABOUT?
IS IT TRUE? IT COULD BE...
HEERACK WAS THERE AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER.
WHEREVER I WOULD GO, HE WOULD FOLLOW.
I SPENT MORE TIME WITH HEERACK THAN I DID WITH MY OWN PARENTS.
OF COURSE I NEVER MISSED HIM.
IF I OPENED THE WINDOW, HEERACK WAS RIGHT NEXT DOOR....
"I GUESS LIVING NEXT TO HIM FOR SO LONG WAS A CURSE, NOT A BLESSING."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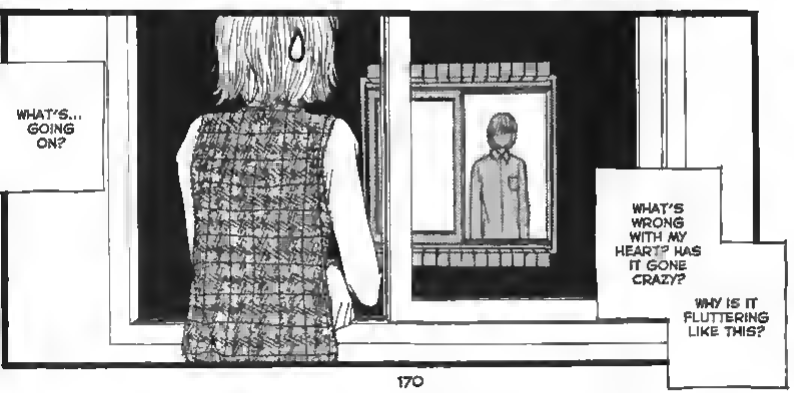
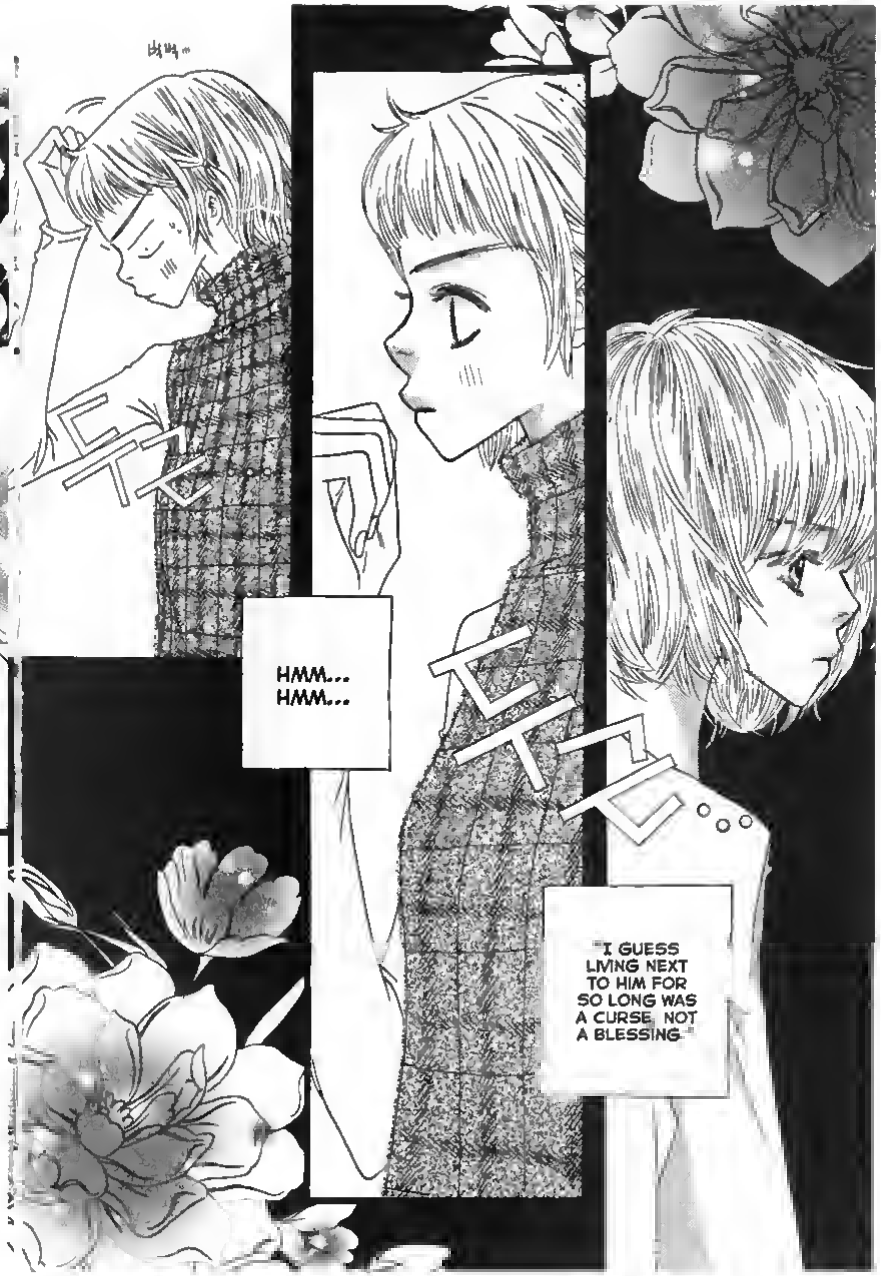

WHAT'S... GOING ON?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY HEART? HAS IT GONE CRAZY?
WHY IS IT FLUTTERING LIKE THIS?


HMM... HMM...
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"I GUESS LIVING NEXT TO HIM FOR SO LONG WAS A CURSE, NOT A BLESSING."

"THAT YOU CAN'T SEE THE REALITY OF HEERACK..."

JUST...
SPEAK UP.
I CAN'T HEAR YOU.
JUST ASK HIM...
I-I JUST...
...WANTED TO KNOW...
HEY, HEERACK. BETWEEN ROSA AND ME, WHICH OF US WOULD YOU...
WHO DID YOU VOTE FOR, HEERACK? ROSA OR ME?!
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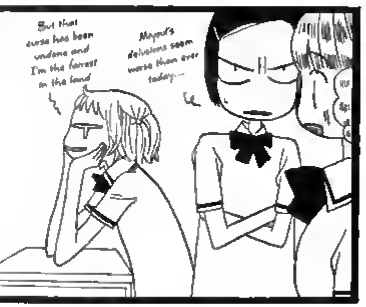
WHAT?! HE SLAMMED THE WINDOW ON ME?! THAT PUNK!
Grr...
WHAT HAPPENED? HAS HE LOST HIS MIND?!
Grr...

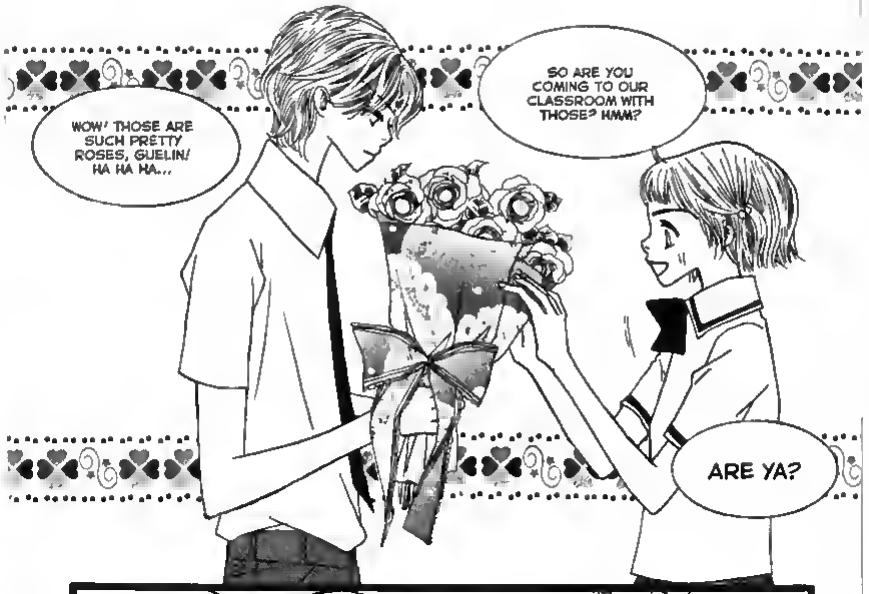
OF COURSE, ALL MIYOUL EVER CARED ABOUT WAS THE SLIPPER CLUB.
AND ONCE AGAIN, I MISUNDER-STOOD WHAT WAS GOING ON...
...AND GOT PLAYED FOR A FOOL.
I GUESS I SHOULD FACE THE FACTS. I'LL NEVER HAVE A CHANCE WITH MIYOUL...
NO MORE. FROM NOW ON, I'M THROUGH WITH THIS NONSENSE.
NO MORE GETTING TRICKED BY MIYOUL, AND NO MORE GETTING USED EITHER!
FROM NOW ON, NO MATTER HOW MUCH MIYOUL BEGS, I WON'T LISTEN!

NEVER, EVER AGAIN.

I DREAMED I WAS A PRINCESS...
...WHO HAD BEEN CURSED...


But that curse has been undone and I'm the fairest in the land
Mayat's delusions seem worse than ever today...

GUELIN!


WOW! THOSE ARE SUCH PRETTY ROSES, GUELIN! HA HA HA...
SO ARE YOU COMING TO OUR CLASSROOM WITH THOSE? HMM?
ARE YA?

COME ON! JUST HURRY UP AND GIVE 'EM TO ME!
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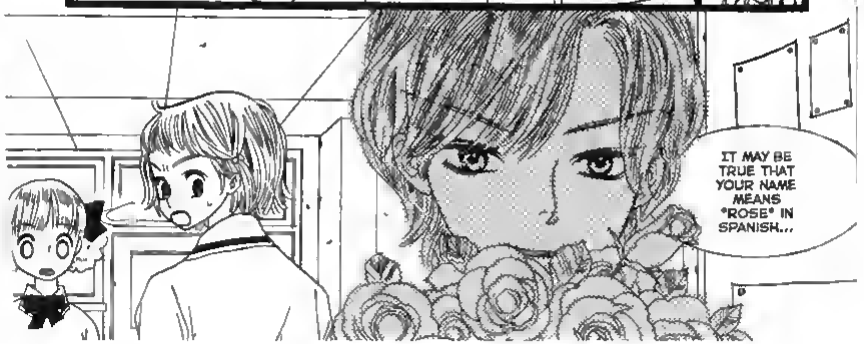
IT MAY BE TRUE THAT YOUR NAME MEANS "ROSE" IN SPANISH...

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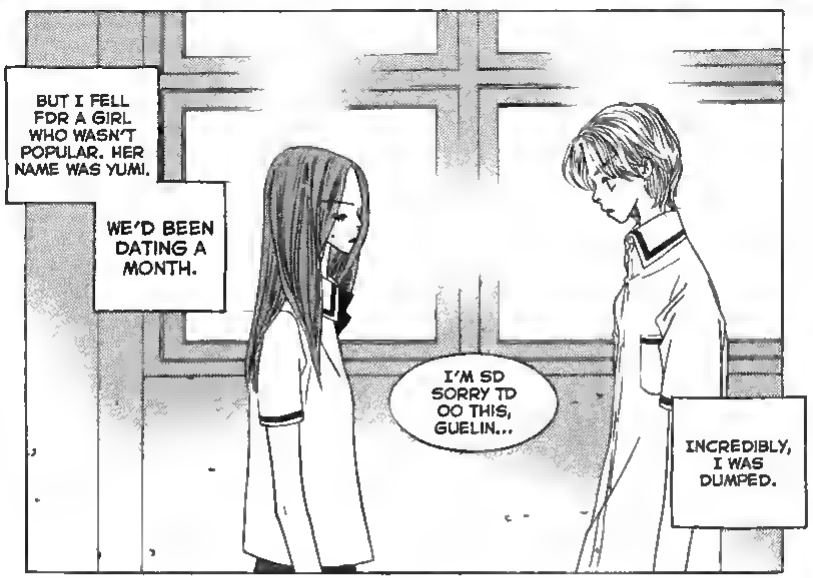
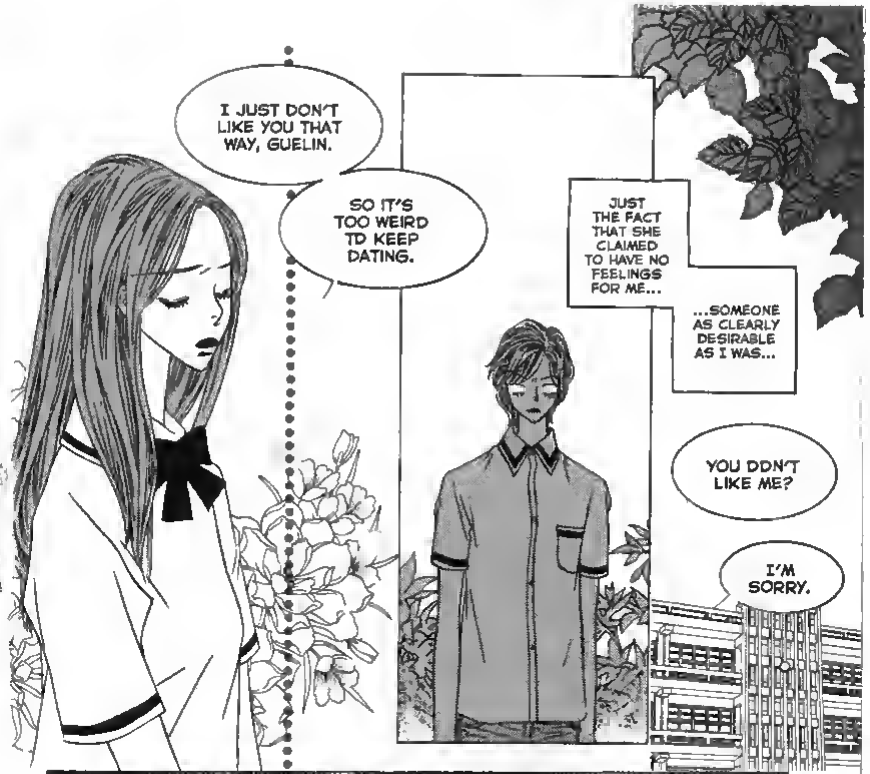
THIS HAPPENED SOME YEARS AGO.
I, GUELIN, WAS A HANDSOME YOUNG HONOR STUDENT IN MY SECOND YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH.
I WAS WITTY, ADMIRED, POPULAR...


BUT I FELL FOR A GIRL WHO WASN'T POPULAR. HER NAME WAS YUMI.
WE'D BEEN DATING A MONTH.
I'M SO SORRY TO DO THIS, GUELIN...
INCREDIBLY, I WAS DUMPED.


I JUST DON'T LIKE YOU THAT WAY, GUELIN.
SO IT'S TOO WEIRD TO KEEP DATING.
JUST THE FACT THAT SHE CLAIMED TO HAVE NO FEELINGS FOR ME...
...SOMEONE AS CLEARLY DESIRABLE AS I WAS...
YOU DON'T LIKE ME?
I'M SORRY.

I WAS SO ANGRY! I THOUGHT IT WAS SO OUTRAGEOUS THAT I BIT MY PILLOW EVERY NIGHT.
THAT EVIL BITCH!
I SHOULD'VE BEEN THE ONE DUMPING HER!
SHE WAS TOTALLY UNGRATEFUL!

AND THEN, A FEW DAYS LATER, I FOUND OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT THAT DESPICABLE GIRL.
I LIKE YOU!
LOOK. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND I CERTAINLY DON'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS FOR YOU
SO CLEARLY I CAN'T DATE YOU, RIGHT?
FROM THEN ON, I SOUGHT OUT HEESUNG EVERYWHERE
I WAS AMAZED. HE WAS NEVER WITHOUT A GIRL, EVER.
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6 AM TO 9 PM
YUMI WAS JUST ONE OF MANY, MANY GIRLS.
THAT'S OKAY, HEESUNG.
JUST LET ME ADMIRE YOU FROM AFAR...
AND THE MORE I KEPT TRACK OF HEESUNG'S SECRET DATES, THE MORE I ADMIRED HIM.
Let me come with you, Miyeon!
Sheesh!
Leave me alone Heerack!
YOU DON'T NEED MY PERMISSION FOR THAT.
WHO IS THAT GUY SHE'S TALKING TO?
HE'S IN HIGH SCHOOL, RIGHT?

AND THEN ONE DAY...
HEESUNG, YOU JERK!
HOW COULD YOU BE SEEING SOMEONE ELSE?!
WHY DO YOU DO IT, HEESUNG?!
WHY DO YOU GO AFTER SO MANY GIRLS IF THIS IS HOW IT ENDS UP?!
.....
WHY ARE YOU MAKING A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT? YOU KNOW I NEVER HAD FEELINGS FOR YOU.
ASSHOLE!

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE EXPRESSION ON HEESUNG'S FACE THAT DAY.
YOU SAW HOW IT HAPPENED.
I DO NOTHING, YET THESE GIRLS WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE.
I GUESS EVEN PLAYERS HAVE THEIR UPS AND DOWNS.
HEESUNG GRADUATED LATER THAT YEAR...
...A LEGEND.

The end · · · · · · · ·

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Now that Rosa is the First Lady of Nachsung, she'll have her choice of princes to pick. Her choice is obvious, and Heerack is set to inherit a girlfriend and the Slipper Club. Will he lose Miyoul for good just when she's finally gotten a clue about where her heart lies?

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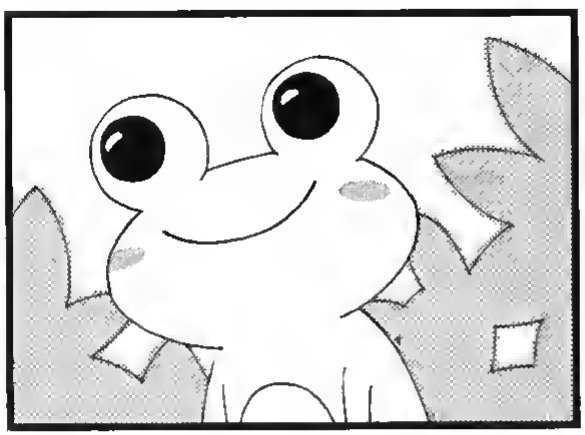

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